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THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

¹ **N**OW IT CAME TO PASS after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, that
² David abode two days in Ziklag. And it came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head ; and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the
³ ground and bowed himself. And David said to him, 'From whence comest thou ?' And he said to him, 'Out
⁴ 'of the camp of Israel am I escaped.' And David said to him, 'How went the matter ? I pray thee tell me.' And he answered, that the people were fled from the battle, and many of the people also were fallen and dead ; and Saul and
⁵ Jonathan his son were dead also. And David said to the young man that told him, 'How knowest thou that Saul
⁶ 'and Jonathan his son are dead ?' And the young man that told him said, 'As I happened by chance to be upon mount 'Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear ; and, 'behold, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon
⁷ 'him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me,
⁸ 'and called to me. And I answered, Here I am. And he 'said to me, Who art thou ? And I answered him, I am
⁹ 'an Amalekite. And he said to me, Stand, I pray thee, 'upon me, and slay me ; for giddiness is come upon me,
¹⁰ 'while my life is yet whole in me. So I stood upon him, 'and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live 'after that he was fallen. And I took the crown that was 'upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and
¹¹ 'have brought them hither to my lord.' Then David took hold of his clothes, and rent them ; and likewise all
¹² the men that were with him. And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for Jehovah's people, and for the house of Israel ; because they were fallen by the sword.
¹³ And David said to the young man that told him, 'Whence art thou ?' And he answered, 'I am the son of
¹⁴ 'a stranger, an Amalekite.' And David said to him, 'How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thy hand to

‘destroy the anointed of Jehovah?’ And David called one¹⁵ of the young men, and said, ‘Go near, and fall upon him.’ And he smote him that he died. And David said to him,¹⁶ ‘Thy blood be on thine own head. For thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the anointed of Jehovah.’

And David sang this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son; also he bade them teach the children of Judah [the poem of] the Bow; behold, it is written in the Book of Jasher.

‘The Antelope, O Israel, is slain on thy high places;¹⁷
 ‘How are the warriors fallen!
 ‘Tell it not in Gath,²⁰
 ‘Publish it not in the streets of Askalon;
 ‘Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
 ‘Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
 ‘Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew,²¹
 ‘Nor rain upon you, nor fields of heave offerings;
 ‘For there the shield of the warriors was vilely cast away,
 ‘The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

‘From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the warriors,²²
 ‘The Bow of Jonathan turned not back,
 ‘And the sword of Saul returned not empty.
 ‘Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives,²³
 ‘And in their death they were not divided.
 ‘They were swifter than eagles, stronger than lions.
 ‘Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,²⁴
 ‘Who clothed you in scarlet, with delicacies,
 ‘Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
 ‘How are the warriors fallen in the midst of the battle!²⁵
 ‘O Jonathan, thou wast slain on thine own high places.
 ‘I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan.²⁶
 ‘Very pleasant hast thou been unto me.
 ‘Thy love for me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
 ‘How are the warriors fallen,²⁷
 ‘And the weapons of war perished!’

And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of Jehovah, saying, ‘Shall I go up unto any one of the cities of Judah?’ And Jehovah said to him, ‘Go up.’ And David said, ‘Whither shall I go up?’ And he said, ‘Unto Hebron.’ So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal

³ the Carmelite. And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household. And they dwelt ⁴ in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed DAVID KING over the house of Judah [B.C. 1016].

And some told David, saying, 'The men of Jabesh in ⁵ 'Gilead are they that buried Saul.' And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh in Gilead, and said to them, 'Blessed be ye of Jehovah, that ye have shewed this ⁶ 'kindness to Saul your lord, and have buried him. And 'now may Jehovah shew kindness and truth to you. 'And I also will requite you this good, because ye have ⁷ 'done this thing. Therefore now let your hands be 'strengthened, and be ye sons of valour. For your master 'Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed 'me king over them.'

⁸ But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took ISH-BOSHETH [or Ish-baal] the son of Saul, and brought him ⁹ over [the Jordan] to Mahanaim ; and made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over ¹⁰ Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the ¹¹ house of Judah followed David. And the number of days that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

¹² And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to ¹³ Gibeon. And Joab the son of Zeruiah [David's sister], and the servants of David, went out. And they met together by the pool of Gibeon. And they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other ¹⁴ side of the pool. And Abner said to Joab, 'Let the 'young men now arise and play before us.' And Joab said, ¹⁵ 'Let them arise.' Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, who belonged to Ish-bosheth ¹⁶ the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side ; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called the field of Zurim [or ¹⁷ Enemies], which is in Gibeon. And the battle was very

sore that day. And Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel. And Asahel was as light of foot as one of the antelopes of the field. And Asahel pursued after Abner; and he turned not to go to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. Then Abner looked behind him, and said, 'Art thou Asahel?' And he answered, 'I am.' And Abner said to him, 'Turn aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay hold on one of the young men, and take to thyself his spoil.' But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. And Abner said again to Asahel, 'Turn thee aside from following me. Wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? How then should I hold up my face before Joab thy brother?' Howbeit he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, so that the spear came out behind him. And he fell down there, and died in the same place. And it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still. Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner. And the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the desert of Gibeon. And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. Then Abner called to Joab and said, 'Shall the sword devour for ever? Knowest thou not that there will be bitterness in the latter end? How long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?' And Joab said, 'As God liveth, even if thou hadst not spoken, yet surely in the morning the people had gone up from following every one his brother.' So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. And Abner and his men walked all that night through the Barren Valley, and passed over the Jordan, and went through all the Rugged Country, and they came to Mahanaim.

And Joab returned from following Abner. And when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. But the servants of David had smitten some of Benjamin, and of

Abner's men, so that three hundred and sixty men died.
³² And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the burial-place of his father, which was at Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and day broke upon them—in Hebron.

¹ Now the war was long between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and
² weaker. And unto David were sons born in Hebron; and his first-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelite;
³ and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah
⁴ the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the
⁵ son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

⁶ And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made
⁷ himself strong in the house of Saul. And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And [Ish-bosheth] said to Abner, 'Wherefore hast thou
⁸ 'gone in unto my father's concubine?' Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, 'Am I
'a dog's head, who against Judah do shew kindness this
'day to the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren,
'and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the
'hand of David, that thou chargest on me to-day the wicked-
⁹ 'ness of this woman? So do God to Abner, and more also,
'except as Jehovah hath sworn to David, even so will I
¹⁰ 'do to him; to transfer the kingdom from the house of
'Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and
¹¹ 'over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.' And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

¹² And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, 'Whose is the land?' saying also, 'Make thy league
'with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to turn
¹³ 'all Israel unto thee.' And he said, 'It is good; I will
'make a league with thee. But one thing I require of thee,
'namely, thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring
'Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.'

¹⁴ And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, 'Deliver to me my wife Michal, whom I espoused to

‘me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.’ And¹⁵
Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband Phaltiel
the son of Laish. And her husband went with her, going¹⁶
and weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner
to him, ‘Go, return.’ And he returned.

And Abner talked with the elders of Israel, saying, ‘Ye¹⁷
‘sought for David in times past to be king over you. Now¹⁸
‘then do it. For Jehovah hath spoken of David, saying,
‘By the hand of my servant David I will save my people
‘Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the
‘hand of all their enemies.’ And Abner also spake in the¹⁹
ears of Benjamin. And Abner went also to speak in the
ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good in the eyes
of Israel, and in the eyes of the whole house of Benjamin.
So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with²⁰
him. And David made for Abner and for the men that were
with him a drinking feast. And Abner said to David, ‘I²¹
‘will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the
‘king, that they may make a league with thee, and that
‘thou mayest reign over all that thy heart desireth.’ And
David sent Abner away ; and he went in peace.

And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from²²
an inroad, and brought in a great spoil with them. But
Abner was not with David in Hebron ; for he had sent him
away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab and all the²³
host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying,
‘Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent
‘him away, and he is gone in peace.’ Then Joab came²⁴
to the king, and said, ‘What hast thou done? Behold,
‘Abner came to thee ; why is it that thou hast sent him
‘away, and he is quite gone? Thou knowest Abner the²⁵
‘son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know
‘thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that
‘thou doest.’ And when Joab was come out from David,²⁶
he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back
again from the Pit of Sirah. But David knew it not. And²⁷
when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside
within the city gate to speak with him quietly, and smote
him there under the fifth rib, so that he died, because of
the blood of Asahel his brother.

And afterwards when David heard it, he said, ‘I and my²⁸
‘kingdom are guiltless before Jehovah for ever from the

²⁹ ‘blood of Abner the son of Ner. Let it rest on the head
‘of Joab, and on all his father’s house ; and let the house
‘of Joab never be without one that hath an issue, or that
‘is a leper, or that leaneth on a crutch, or that falleth on
³⁰ ‘the sword, or that lacketh bread.’ So Joab and Abishai
his brother slew Abner, because he had killed their brother
³¹ Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. And David said to Joab,
and to all the people that were with him, ‘Rend your
‘clothes, and gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn
‘before Abner.’ And king David himself followed the bier.
³² And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted
up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the
³³ people wept. And the king sang a lament over Abner,
and said,

‘Should Abner die as a fool dieth ?

³⁴ ‘Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters ;
‘As a man falleth before wicked men, so didst thou fall.’
And all the people wept again over him.

³⁵ And when all the people came to make David eat bread
while it was yet day, David sware, saying, ‘So do God to
‘me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the
³⁶ ‘sun be down.’ And all the people took notice of it, and
it was good in their eyes; as whatsoever the king did was
³⁷ good in the eyes of all the people. And all the people
and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the
³⁸ king to slay Abner the son of Ner. And the king said
to his servants, ‘Know ye not that there is a prince and
³⁹ ‘a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I am this
‘day weak, though anointed king; and these men the
‘sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me. Jehovah will re-
—‘ward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.’

¹ And when Saul’s son heard that Abner was dead in
Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were
² troubled. And Saul’s son had two men that were captains
of bands. The name of the one was Baanah, and the
name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon, a Beero-
thite, of the children of Benjamin ; (for Beeroth also was
³ reckoned to Benjamin ; and the Beerothites fled to Git-
taim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

⁴ And Jonathan the son of Saul had a son that was lame
of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came
of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took

him up, and fled, And it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephi-bosheth [or Mephi-baal].

And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and got them away through the Barren Valley all night. And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David in Hebron, and said to the king, 'Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, who sought thy life; and Jehovah hath avenged my lord the king this day upon Saul, and upon his seed.' And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, 'As Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, and he was in his own eyes a bringer of good tidings, I took hold of him and slew him in Ziklag, which was my reward for his tidings; how much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? Shall I not therefore now require his blood at your hand, and take you away from the earth?' And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the burial place of Abner in Hebron.

Then came all the heads of the tribes of Israel to David in Hebron, and spake, saying, 'Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel. And Jehovah said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a leader over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before Jehovah. And they anointed DAVID KING OVER ISRAEL [B.C. 1008]. (David was thirty years old when he began to reign

- ⁵ [B.C. 1016], and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months ; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah).
- ⁶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. And they spake to David, saying, 'Thou shalt not come in hither, for even 'the blind and the lame will drive thee off ;' meaning.
- ⁷ David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion ; the same is the city of David.
- ⁸ And David said on that day, 'Let every one get up 'through the water-course, and smite the Jebusites, even 'to the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul.' (Therefore they say [Lev. xxi. 18], 'The blind and the
- ⁹ 'lame shall not come into the House.') So David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo [or the castle] and
- ¹⁰ inward. And David went on, and grew great, and Jehovah the God of hosts was with him.
- ¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and cutters of wood and cutters of stone for
- ¹² walls ; and they built David a house. And David perceived that Jehovah had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.
- ¹³ And David took him more concubines and wives out of
- ¹⁴ Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron ; and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. And these are the names of those that were born to him in Jerusalem ; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,
- ¹⁵ and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, and
- ¹⁶ Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.
- ¹⁷ But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went down to the
- ¹⁸ stronghold. The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the Valley of the Giants. And David inquired of
- ¹⁹ Jehovah, saying, 'Shall I go up to the Philistines ? Wilt 'thou deliver them up into my hand ?' And Jehovah said to David, 'Go up ; for I will surely deliver the Philistines
- ²⁰ 'into thy hand.' And David came to Baal-perezim, and David smote them there, and said, 'Jehovah hath broken

‘forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breaking-forth
‘of waters.’ Therefore he called the name of that place
Baal-perezim [or—of breaking-forth]. And there they left ²¹
their images, and David and his men carried them away.

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread them- ²²
selves in the Valley of the Giants. And when David in- ²³
quired of Jehovah, he said, ‘Thou shalt not go up; but go
‘round about behind them, and come upon them over
‘against the balsam trees. And let it be when thou hearest ²⁴
‘the sound of marching on the tops of the balsam trees,
‘that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then will Jeho-
‘vah go out before thee, to smite the camp of the Philis-
‘tines.’ And David did so as Jehovah had commanded ²⁵
him; and he smote the Philistines from Gibeah [or Gibeon]
until thou come to Gezer.

Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of ¹
Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with ²
all the people that were with him from Baalah of Judah,
to bring up from thence the Ark of God, whose name is
called by the name of Jehovah of hosts that dwelleth be-
tween the cherubs. And they set the Ark of God upon a ³
new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that
was in Gibeah; and Uzza and his brother, the sons of
Abinadab, drove the new cart. And they brought it out ⁴
of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah [or Gibeon],
with the Ark of God. And his brother went before the
Ark. And David and all the house of Israel played before ⁵
Jehovah on all manner of instruments made of fir-wood,
even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on
tinkling rods, and on cymbals.

And when they came to Nachon’s threshing-floor, Uzzah ⁶
put forth his hand to the Ark of God, and took hold of it;
for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of Jehovah was ⁷
kindled against Uzzah. And God smote him there for his
rashness; and there he died by the Ark of God. And ⁸
David was displeased, because Jehovah had made a breach
upon Uzzah. And he called the name of the place Perez-
uzzah [or the breach of Uzzah], as it is this day. And David ⁹
was afraid of Jehovah that day, and said, ‘How shall the
‘Ark of Jehovah come to me?’ So David would not re- ¹⁰
move the Ark of Jehovah unto himself into the city of
David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-

- ¹¹ edom the Gittite. And the Ark of Jehovah continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months. And Jehovah blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.
- ¹² And it was told king David, saying, 'Jehovah hath blessed 'the house of Obed-edom, and all that belongeth to him, 'because of the Ark of God.' So David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the
- ¹³ city of David with rejoicing. And it was so, that when they that carried the Ark of Jehovah had gone six paces,
- ¹⁴ he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before Jehovah with all his might; and David was girded with a
- ¹⁵ linen Ephod [or priestly dress]. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of Jehovah with
- ¹⁶ shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the Ark of Jehovah came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before Jehovah; and she despised him in her heart.
- ¹⁷ And they brought in the Ark of Jehovah, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings be-
- ¹⁸ fore Jehovah. And as soon as David had made an end of offering up burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the
- ¹⁹ people in the name of Jehovah of hosts. And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as to the men, to every one a pricked cake of bread, and a measure [of wine], and a raisin cake. Then all the people departed every one to his house.
- ²⁰ Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, 'How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his
- ²¹ 'servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncover-eth himself?' And David said to Michal, 'It was before 'Jehovah, who chose me before thy father, and before all 'his house, to appoint me leader over the people of Jehovah, over Israel. Therefore did I make merry before Je-
- ²² 'hovah. And I am even too vile for this; and I am base in 'mine own sight; and with the maid-servants whom thou 'hast spoken of, together with them shall I be had in
- ²³ 'honour.' Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no—child unto the day of her death.

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and
Jehovah had given him rest round about from all his ene-
mies; that the king said to Nathan the prophet, 'See now,
'I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwelleth
'within curtains.' And Nathan said to the king, 'Go,
'do all that is in thy heart; for Jehovah is with thee.'
But it came to pass that night, that the word of Jehovah
came to Nathan, saying, 'Go and tell my servant David,
'Thus saith Jehovah, Shalt thou build me a house for me
'to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in a house
'since the time that I brought up the children of Israel
'out of Lower Egypt, even to this day, but I have been
'going about in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all the places
'wherein I have gone about with all the children of Israel
'spake I a word with any of the heads of the tribes of Israel,
'whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why
'build ye not for me a house of cedar? Now therefore so
'shalt thou say to my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah
'of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following
'the sheep, to be the leader over my people Israel. And I
'was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and I have cut
'off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made for
'thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men
'that are on the earth. Moreover I have appointed a place
'for my people Israel, and have planted them, that they
'may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more;
'neither shall the sons of wickedness afflict them any more,
'as beforetime. And since the time that I commanded
'Judges to be over my people Israel, I have also caused
'thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also Jehovah telleth
'thee that Jehovah will make for thee a house. For when
'thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers,
'I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of
'thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall
'build a House for my Name, and I will establish the throne
'of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall
'be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him
'with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the sons of
'Adam. But my kindness shall not depart away from him,
'as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before
'thee. And thy house and thy kingdom shall be established
'for ever before thee; thy throne shall be established

17 'for ever.' According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

18 Then went king David in, and sat before Jehovah, and he said, 'Who am I, O Lord Jehovah? and what is my
19 'house, that thou hast brought me hither? And this was
'yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord Jehovah; but thou
'hast spoken also of thy servant's house, for a great while
'to come. And this is a law for men, O Lord Jehovah.
20 'And what can David say more to thee? for thou, O Lord
21 'Jehovah, knowest thy servant. For thy word's sake, and
'according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these
22 'great things, to make thy servant know them. Therefore
'thou art great, O Jehovah God. For there is none like
'thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to
23 'all that we have heard with our ears. And what one na-
'tion in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went
'to redeem for a people to himself, and to make for him a
'name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy
'land, before thy people, whom thou redeemedst to thee
'from Lower Egypt, from the Nations and their gods?
24 'For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be
'a people unto thee for ever. And thou, Jehovah, art be-
25 'come their God. And now, O Jehovah God, the word that
'thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concern-
'ing his house, raise it up for ever, and do as thou hast said.
26 'And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, Jehovah
'of hosts is the God over Israel, and let the house of thy
27 'servant David be established before thee. For thou, O
'Jehovah of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to the ear
'of thy servant, saying, I will build for thee a house; there-
'fore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this
28 'prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord Jehovah, thou art
'that God, and thy words are truth, and thou hast pro-
29 'mised this goodness unto thy servant. Therefore now let
'it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it
'may continue for ever before thee. For thou, O Lord Je-
'hovah, hast spoken; and with thy blessing let the house
—'of thy servant be blessed for ever.'

1 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them. And David took the bridle of the chief city out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, mak-

ing them to lie on the ground ; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates. And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand men on foot. And David lamed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians twenty and two thousand men. Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus ; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went. And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. And from Betah, and from Berothai [or Beyrout], cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much copper.

When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, then Toi sent Joram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him ; for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And [Joram] brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of copper. These also king David did make holy unto Jehovah, with the silver and gold that he had made holy out of all nations which he subdued ; of Syria, and of Moab, and of the Children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

David also made for himself a name on his return from smiting the Syrians in the valley of Salt, eighteen thousand of them. And he put garrisons in Edom ; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all the men of Edom became David's servants. And Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

And David reigned over all Israel ; and David executed judgment and righteousness unto all his people. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host ; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder ; and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests ; and Seraiah was the scribe ; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the axe-bearers and the runners ; and David's sons were priests.

¹ And David said, 'Is there yet any one that is left of the
'house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jona-
² 'than's sake?' And there was of the house of Saul a ser-
vant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him
to David, the king said to him, 'Art thou Ziba?' And he
³ said, 'Thy servant is he.' And the king said, 'Is there not
'yet a man of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kind-
'ness of God unto him?' And Ziba said to the king,
⁴ 'Jonathan hath yet a son, who hath been hurt in his feet.'
And the king said to him, 'Where is he?' And Ziba said
to the king, 'Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the
'son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.'

⁵ Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house
⁶ of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. Now when
Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was
come to David, he fell on his face, and did reverence.
And David said, 'Mephibosheth.' And he answered,
⁷ 'Behold thy servant!' And David said to him, 'Fear not;
'for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy
'father's sake, and will restore to thee all the land of Saul
'thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continu-
⁸ 'ally.' And he bowed himself, and said, 'What is thy ser-
'vant that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as
⁹ 'I am?' Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and
said to him, 'I have given to thy master's son all that
¹⁰ 'pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore,
'and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for
'him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's
'son may have bread to eat; but Mephibosheth thy mas-
'ter's son shall eat bread always at my table.' Now Ziba had
¹¹ fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba to the
king, 'According to all that my lord the king commandeth
'his servant, so will thy servant do.' 'As for Mephibo-
'sheth,' [said the king,] 'he shall eat at my table, as one
¹² 'of the king's sons.' And Mephibosheth had a young son,
whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house
¹³ of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. But Mephi-
bosheth dwelt in Jerusalem. For he did eat continually
—at the king's table; and he was lame in both his feet.

¹ And it came to pass after this, that the king of the Chil-
dren of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his
² stead. Then said David, 'I will shew kindness to Hanun

‘ the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness to me.’ And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David’s servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. And the princes of the Children of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, ‘ Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters to thee? Hath not David sent his servants to thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?’ Therefore Hanun took David’s servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in their middle, even at their buttocks, and sent them away. When they told it to David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed; and the king said, ‘ Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.’

And when the Children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the Children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand men on foot, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and of the men of Tob twelve thousand men. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the warriors. And the Children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate [of Rabbah]; and the Syrians of Zoba and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose some of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the Children of Ammon. And he said, ‘ If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the Children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. Be strong and let us make ourselves strong for our people, and for the cities of our God; and Jehovah will do what seemeth to him good.’ And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, into the battle against the Syrians. And they fled before him. And when the Children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the Children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before
¹⁶ Israel, they gathered themselves together. And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the River [Euphrates]. And they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.
¹⁷ And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and
¹⁸ fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David destroyed seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the
¹⁹ captain of their host, who died there. And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the Children
—of Ammon any more.

¹ And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go forth [to battle], that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the Children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah.
² But David abode at Jerusalem. And it came to pass on an evening-time, that David arose from off his bed, and walked about upon the roof of the king's house; and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman
³ was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired after the woman. And he said, 'Is not this Bath-sheba the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?'
⁴ And David sent messengers and took her. And she came in unto him, and he lay with her. And when she was purified from her uncleanness she returned to her house.
⁵ And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and
⁶ said, 'I am with child.' And David sent to Joab, [saying,] 'Send me Uriah the Hittite?' And Joab sent Uriah to
⁷ David. And when Uriah was come to him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and
⁸ how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, 'Go 'down to thy house, and wash thy feet.' And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him
⁹ a gift from the king. But Uriah lay down at the doorway of the king's house with all the servants of his lord,
¹⁰ and went not down to his own house. And when they had told David, saying, 'Uriah went not down to his

‘house,’ David said to Uriah, ‘Camest thou not from a journey? Why then didst thou not go down to thy house?’ And Uriah said to David, ‘The Ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in booths; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.’ And David said to Uriah, ‘Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart.’ So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, ‘Set ye Uriah in the front of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.’ And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab. And there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; and charged the messenger, saying, ‘When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war to the king, and if so be that the king’s wrath arise, and he say to thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh to the city when ye did fight? Knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubosheth [or Jerubbaal]? Did not a woman cast a piece of a mill-stone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? Why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’

So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said to David, ‘Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entrance of the city gate. And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king’s servants are dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead

25 'also.' Then David said to the messenger, 'Thus shalt
'thou say to Joab, Let not this thing be evil in thine eyes,
'for the sword devoureth one as well as another. Make
'thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow
'it. And encourage thou him.'

26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her hus-
27 band was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when
the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his
house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

— But the thing that David had done was evil in the eyes
1 of Jehovah. And Jehovah sent Nathan to David. And he
came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in
2 'one city; the one rich and the other poor. The rich
3 'man had very many flocks and herds. But the poor man
'had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had
'bought and nourished up; and it grew up together with
'him, and with his children; it did eat of his own crust,
'and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was
4 'unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller to
'the rich man. And he spared to take of his own flock and
'of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was
'come to him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed
5 'it for the man that was come to him.' And David's anger
was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan,
'As Jehovah liveth, the man that hath done this shall
6 'surely die. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, be-
7 'cause he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' And
Nathan said to David, 'Thou art the man. Thus saith Je-
'hovah the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel,
8 'and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul. And I gave
'thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy
'bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah;
'and if that had been too little, I would moreover have
9 'given to thee such and such things. Wherefore hast
'thou despised the commandment of Jehovah, to do evil in
'his eyes? Thou hast smitten Uriah the Hittite with the
'sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast
10 'slain him with the sword of the Children of Ammon. Now
'therefore the sword shall never depart from thy house;
'because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife
11 'of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith Jehovah,
'Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own

‘house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and
‘give them to thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy
‘wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly. ¹²
‘But I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the
‘sun.’ And David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against ¹³
‘Jehovah.’ And Nathan said to David, ‘Jehovah also hath
‘put away thy sin ; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because ¹⁴
‘by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies
‘of Jehovah to blaspheme, the son also that is born unto
‘thee shall surely die.’

And Nathan departed to his house. And Jehovah struck ¹⁵
the child that Uriah’s wife had borne unto David, and it
was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child ; ¹⁶
and David kept his fast, and went in, and stayed all night,
and lay upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and ¹⁷
went to him, to raise him up from the earth. But he would
not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to ¹⁸
pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the
servants of David feared to tell him that the child was
dead. For they said, ‘Behold, while the child was yet
‘alive, we spake to him, and he would not hearken to our
‘voice. How then, if we tell him that the child is dead ?
‘He may do some evil.’ But when David saw that his ser- ¹⁹
vants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead.
Therefore David said to his servants, ‘Is the child dead ?
And they said, ‘He is dead.’ Then David arose from the ²⁰
earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his
apparel, and came into the House of Jehovah, and wor-
shipped. Then he came to his own house ; and when he
asked, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said ²¹
his servants to him, ‘What thing is this that thou hast
‘done ? Thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it
‘was alive ; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise
‘and dost eat bread.’ And he said, ‘While the child was ²²
‘yet alive, I fasted and wept ; for I said, Who knoweth
‘whether Jehovah will be gracious to me, that the child
‘may live ? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast ? ²³
‘Can I bring him back again ? I shall go to him, but he
‘will not return to me.’

And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in ²⁴
unto her, and lay with her. And she bare a son, and he
called his name Solomon. And Jehovah loved him, and ²⁵

sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and called his name Jedidiah [or Beloved by Jehovah], because of Jehovah.

26 And Joab was fighting against Rabbah of the Children
27 of Ammon, and was taking the royal city. And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, 'I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken [the part of] the city on the waters.
28 'Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and 'encamp against the city, and take it; lest I take the city,
29 'and it be called after my name.' And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought
30 against it, and took it. And he took their king's crown from off his head; and its weight was a Kikar of gold and precious stones. And it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.
31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln. And thus did he unto all the cities of the Children of Ammon.
—Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar. For she was a maiden; and in the eyes of Amnon it was difficult to do
2 anything to her. But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother. And
3 Jonadab was a very subtle man. And he said to him, 'Why art thou, being the king's son, so falling away from 'morning to morning? Wilt thou not tell me?' And Amnon said to him, 'I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's
4 'sister.' And Jonadab said to him, 'Lay thee down on 'thy bed, and make thyself sick. And when thy father 'cometh to see thee, say to him, I pray thee, let my sister 'Tamar come, and give me bread, and dress the food in
5 'my sight, that I may see it, and eat it from her hand.'
6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick. And when the king was come to see him, Amnon said to the king, 'I 'pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a 'couple of pancakes in my sight, that I may eat from her
7 'hand.' Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, 'Go 'now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him food.'
8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he

was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made pancakes in his sight, and did cook the pancakes. And she took a pan, and poured them out before him. ⁹ But he refused to eat. And Amnon said, 'Put out all 'men from me.' And they went out every man from him. And Amnon said to Tamar, 'Bring the food into the ¹⁰ 'chamber, that I may eat from thy hand.' And Tamar took the pancakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she ¹¹ had brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, 'Come lie with me, my sister.' And she an- ¹² swered him, 'Nay, my brother, do not humble me; for no 'such thing ought to be done in Israel. Do not thou this 'folly. And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? And ¹³ 'as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now 'therefore, I pray thee speak to the king; for he will not 'withhold me from thee.' Howbeit he would not hearken ¹⁴ to her voice; but, being stronger than she, humbled her, and lay with her. Then Amnon hated her with very great ¹⁵ hatred; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, 'Arise, be gone.' And she said to ¹⁶ him, 'There is no cause. This evil in sending me away is 'greater than the other that thou didst to me.' But he would not hearken to her. Then he called his servant that ¹⁷ ministered to him, and said, 'Put now this woman away from 'me outside, and bolt the door after her.' And she had a ¹⁸ garment with long skirts upon her; for with such robes were the king's maiden daughters apparelled. Then his servant brought her outside, and bolted the door after her.

And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment ¹⁹ with long skirts that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying out. And Absalom her brother ²⁰ said to her, 'Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? 'But hold now thy peace, my sister. He is thy brother; 'set not thy heart upon this thing.' So Tamar remained, and was desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

But when king David heard of all these things, he was ²¹ very wroth. And Absalom spake not to his brother Amnon ²² either bad or good; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

And it came to pass after two years, that Absalom had ²³

sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim. And Absalom invited all the king's sons. And Absalom came to the king and said, 'Behold now thy servant hath 'sheep-shearers ; let the king, I beseech thee, and his ser-
1 'vants go with thy servant.' And the king said to Absalom, 'Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be charge-
'able unto thee.' And he pressed him. Howbeit he would
6 not go, but blessed him. Then said Absalom, 'If not, I
'pray thee let my brother Amnon go with us.' And the
7 king said to him, 'Why should he go with thee?' But Absalom pressed him, that he sent Amnon and all the king's sons with him.

8 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, 'Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, 'and when I say to you, Smite Amnon ; then kill him, 'fear not. Will ye not, since I have commanded you? Be
9 'courageous, and be sons of valour.' And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man rode upon his mule and fled.

10 And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that tidings came to David, saying, 'Absalom hath slain all the
11 'king's sons, and there is not one of them left.' Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth ; and
12 all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, 'Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young
'men the king's sons. For Amnon only is dead. For it
'was by the command of Absalom, having been determined
33 'from the day that he humbled his sister Tamar. Now
'therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his
'heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead. For
34 'Amnon only is dead.' But Absalom fled. And the young man that was on the look-out lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, there came much people by the way of
35 the hill side behind him. And Jonadab said to the king, 'Behold, the king's sons are come. As thy servant said,
36 'so it is.' And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voices and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept with a very great weeping.

37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Am-

mihud, king of Geshur. And [David] mourned for his son every day. So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, ³⁸ and was there three years.

And king David pined to go forth to Absalom ; for he ³⁹ was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.— And Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart ¹ was toward Absalom. And Joab sent to Tekoah, and ² fetched thence a wise woman. And he said to her, 'I 'pray thee, act the mourner, and put on now mourning 'apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, and be as a 'woman that hath a long time mourned for one dead. 'And come to the king, and speak in this manner unto ³ 'him.' So Joab put the words into her mouth.

And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she ⁴ fell on her face to the ground, and did reverence, and said, 'Help, O king.' And the king said to her, 'What aileth ⁵ 'thee?' And she answered, 'I am indeed a widow woman, 'and my husband is dead. And thy handmaiden had two ⁶ 'sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there 'was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and 'slew him. And, behold, the whole family is risen against ⁷ 'thy handmaid, and they said, Deliver up him that smote 'his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his 'brother whom he slew ; and we will destroy the heir also. 'And so they will quench my coal which is left, so as not 'to leave to my husband either name or remainder upon 'the face of the earth.' And the king said to the woman, ⁸ 'Go to thy house, and I will give charge concerning thee.' And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, 'My lord, ⁹ 'O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house ; 'and the king and his throne be guiltless.' And the king ¹⁰ said, 'Whosoever saith aught to thee, bring him to me, 'and he shall not touch thee any more.' Then said she, 'I ¹¹ 'pray thee, let the king remember Jehovah thy God, that 'the revengers of blood may not destroy any more, lest 'they destroy my son.' And he said, 'As Jehovah liveth, 'there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.' Then ¹² the woman said, 'Let thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak 'one word to my lord the king.' And he said, 'Say on.' And the woman said, 'Wherefore then hast thou thought ¹³ 'such a thing against the people of God? For the king 'while speaking this thing is as one who is faulty, in that

1 'the king doth not fetch home again his banished one. For
 'we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground,
 'which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God
 'respect any person; yet doth he devise means, that his
 5 'banished one be not expelled from him. Now therefore
 'that I am come to speak of this thing to my lord the
 'king, it is because the people have made me afraid. And
 'thy handmaid said, I will now speak to the king; it
 'may be that the king will perform the request of his
 6 'maidservant. For the king will hear, to deliver his maid-
 'servant out of the hand of the man that would destroy
 'me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.
 17 'Then thy handmaid said, Let the word of my lord the
 'king now be a comfort. For as an angel of God, so is
 'my lord the king to hearken to good and bad. And
 'may Jehovah thy God be with thee.'

18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, 'Hide
 'not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee.'
 And the woman said, 'Let the lord my king now speak.'
 19 And the king said, 'The hand of Joab is with thee in all
 'this.' And the woman answered and said, 'As thy soul
 'liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand
 'or to the left from aught that the lord my king hath
 'spoken. For thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all
 20 'these words in the mouth of thy handmaid. For to bring
 'about a change in the face of this matter hath thy servant
 'Joab done this thing. And my lord is wise, according to
 'the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that
 21 'are in the earth.' And the king said to Joab, 'Behold
 'now, I have done this thing. Go therefore, bring the
 22 'young man Absalom again.' And Joab fell to the ground
 on his face, and bowed himself, and blessed the king.
 And Joab said, 'To-day thy servant knoweth that I have
 'found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the
 23 'king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.' So Joab
 arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jeru-
 24 salem. And the king said, 'Let him turn to his own
 'house, and let him not see my face.' So Absalom
 turned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

25 And in all Israel there was not a man so beautiful, so
 greatly to be praised as Absalom. From the sole of his
 foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in

him. And when he cropped the hair of his head, (for it ²⁶ was at every year's end that he cropped it ; because it was heavy on him, therefore he cropped it ;) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred Shekels [or six pounds] after the king's weight. And unto Absalom there were ²⁷ born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar ; she was a woman of a beautiful countenance.

So Absalom dwelt two years in Jerusalem, and saw not ²⁸ the king's face. Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have ²⁹ sent him to the king ; but he would not come to him. And when he sent again the second time, he would not come. Therefore he said to his servants, ' See, Joab's field is near ³⁰ ' mine, and he hath barley there ; go and set it on fire.' And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. Then Joab ³¹ arose, and came to Absalom to his house, and said to him, ' Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire ?' And ³² Absalom answered Joab, ' Behold, I sent to thee, saying, ' Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, ' Wherefore am I come from Geshur ? It had been good ' for me to have been there still. Now therefore let me ' see the king's face ; and if there be any iniquity in me, ' let him kill me.' So Joab came to the king, and told ³³ him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself to him, with his face to the ground before the king. And the king kissed Absalom. —

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared ¹ for himself chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the ² way of the city gate. And it was so, that when any man that had a quarrel came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him and said, ' Of what city art thou ?' And he said, ' Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.' And Absalom said to him, ' See, thy matters are good and ³ ' right ; but there is no man from the king to hear thee.' Absalom said moreover, ' Oh that I were made judge in ⁴ ' the land, that every man who hath any quarrel or cause ' might come to me, and I would do him justice !' And ⁵ it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him reverence, he put forth his hand, and took him and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that ⁶ came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

- 7 And it came to pass at the end of forty years, that Absalom said to the king, 'I pray thee, let me go and pay
8 'unto Jehovah, in Hebron, my vow, which I have vowed.
9 'For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in
10 'Syria, saying, If Jehovah shall indeed bring me again to
11 'Jerusalem, then I will serve Jehovah.' And the king said to him, 'Go in peace.' So he arose, and went to Hebron.
12 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, 'As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then
13 'ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.' And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called ; and they went in their simplicity, and they
14 knew not any thing. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from Giloh his city, while he sacrificed sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong ; for the people increased continually with Absalom.
15 And there came one who told David, saying, 'The hearts
16 'of the men of Israel are after Absalom.' And David said to all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, 'Arise, and let us flee ; for we shall not else escape from
17 'Absalom. Make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with
18 'the edge of the sword.' And the king's servants said to the king, 'Behold, we are thy servants for whatsoever my
19 'lord the king wisheth.' And the king went forth, and all his household in his footsteps. And the king left ten
20 women, who were concubines, to keep the house. And the king went forth, and all the people in his footsteps, and tarried in a house that was afar off. And all his servants passed on beside him ; and all the axe-bearers, and all the runners, and all the Gathites, six hundred men who came in his footsteps from Gath, passed on before the king.
21 Then said the king to Ittai the Gathite, 'Wherefore
22 'goest thou also with us? Return and abide with thy king, for thou art a foreigner, and also an exile from thy
23 'place. Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I
24 'this day make thee to wander with us in our goings? Seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back
25 'thy brethren. Kindness and truth be with thee.' And Ittai answered the king, and said, 'As Jehovah liveth, and
26 'as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord
27 'the king shall be, whether in death or in life, even there

‘also will thy servant be.’ And David said to Ittai, ‘Go²²
‘and pass over.’ And Ittai the Gathite passed over, and
all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.
And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the²³
people passed over. The king also himself passed over the
valley of the Kidron, and all the people passed over,
toward the way of the desert.

And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him,²⁴
bearing the Ark of the Covenant of God. And they set
down the Ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the
people had done passing out of the city. And the king²⁵
said to Zadok, ‘Carry back the Ark of God into the city.
‘If I shall find favour in the eyes of Jehovah, he will bring
‘me again, and will let me see both it, and his habitation.
‘But if he say thus, I have no delight in thee; behold,²⁶
‘here I am, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.’
The king said also to Zadok the priest, ‘Dost thou see fit?²⁷
‘Return into the city in peace, and Ahimaaz thy son,
‘and Jonathan the son of Abiathar, your two sons with
‘you. See, I will tarry in the barren valleys of the²⁸
‘desert, until there come word from you to certify me.’
Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the Ark of God²⁹
again to Jerusalem. And they dwelt there.

And David went up by the hill road [of the mount] of³⁰
Olives, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered,
and he went barefoot. And all the people that were with
him covered every man his head, and they went up,
weeping as they went up. And some one told David,³¹
saying, ‘Ahithophel is among the conspirators with
‘Absalom.’ And David said, ‘O Jehovah, I pray thee,
‘turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.’

And it came to pass, that when David was come to the³²
top [of the mount], where he worshipped God, behold,
Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent,
and earth upon his head; to whom David said, ‘If thou³³
‘passtest on with me, then thou wilt be a burden to me.
‘But if thou return to the city, and say to Absalom, I³⁴
‘will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father’s
‘servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant; then
‘mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.
‘And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar³⁵
‘the priests? Therefore it shall be, that what thing soever

‘thou shalt hear out of the king’s house, thou shalt tell it
36 ‘to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, they have
‘there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok’s son,
‘and Jonathan Abiathar’s son; and by their hand ye shall
37 ‘send to me every thing that ye hear.’ So Hushai David’s
friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jeru-
—salem.

1 And when David was a little past the top [of the
mount], behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met
him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two
hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred cakes of raisins,
2 bottle of wine. And the king said to Ziba, ‘What meanest
‘thou by these?’ And Ziba said, ‘The asses are for the
‘king’s household to ride on; and the bread and summer
‘fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such
3 ‘as be faint in the desert may drink.’ And the king said,
‘And where is thy master’s son?’ And Ziba said to the
king, ‘Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem. For he said, To-
‘day will the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of
4 ‘my father.’ Then said the king to Ziba, ‘Behold, all that
‘belonged to Mephibosheth shall be thine.’ And Ziba
said, ‘I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy
‘sight, my lord, O king.’

5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence
came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose
name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came forth, and
6 cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and
at all the servants of king David. And all the people and
all the warriors were on his right hand and on his left.
7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, ‘Go away, go
‘away, thou man of bloodshed, and thou man of Belial.
8 ‘Jehovah hath returned upon thee all the blood of the
‘house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and
‘Jehovah hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of
‘Absalom thy son. And, behold, thou art taken in thine
9 ‘own mischief, because thou art a man of bloodshed.’ Then
said Abishai the son of Zeruiah to the king, ‘Why should
‘this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over,
10 ‘I pray thee, and take off his head.’ And the king said,
‘What is it to me and to you, ye sons of Zeruiah? So let
‘him curse; for if Jehovah hath said to him, Curse David,

‘who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?’ And ¹¹
David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, ‘Behold, my
‘son, who came forth of my bowels, is seeking my life; how
‘much more now may this son of a Jaminite do it? Let him
‘alone, and let him curse; for Jehovah hath bidden him.
‘It may be that Jehovah will look on mine affliction, and ¹²
‘that Jehovah will requite me good for his cursing this
‘day.’ And as David and his men went by the way, ¹³
Shimei went along on the hill’s side over against him, and
cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.
And the king, and all the people that were with him, came ¹⁴
weary, and refreshed themselves there.

And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came ¹⁵
to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to ¹⁶
pass, when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, was come
to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, ‘May the king
‘live, may the king live.’ And Absalom said to Hushai, ¹⁷
‘Is this thy kindness to thy friend? Why wentest thou
‘not with thy friend?’ And Hushai said to Absalom, ¹⁸
‘Nay; but whom Jehovah, and this people, and all the
‘men of Israel, choose, his I will be, and with him will I
‘abide. And again, whom should I serve? Am I not in ¹⁹
‘the presence of his son? As I have served in thy father’s
‘presence, so will I be in thy presence.’

Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, ‘Give counsel among ²⁰
‘you what we shall do.’ And Ahithophel said to Absa- ²¹
lom, ‘Go in unto thy father’s concubines, which he hath
‘left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that thou
‘art abhorred by thy father. Then will the hands of all
‘that are with thee be strong.’ So they spread for Absa- ²²
lom a tent upon the roof; and Absalom went in unto
his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel. And the ²³
counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days,
was as if a man had inquired at the word of God; so was
all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with
Absalom.

Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, ‘Let me now ¹
‘choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pur-
‘sue after David this night. And I will come upon him ²
‘while he is weary and weak in the hands, and will make
‘him afraid. And all the people that are with him will flee;
‘and I will smite the king when he is alone. And I will ³

‘bring back all the people unto thee. When every man
‘whom thou seekest is returned, all the people will be in
4 ‘peace.’ And the saying was right in the eyes of Absalom
5 and in the eyes of all the elders of Israel. Then said Absalom,
‘Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear
6 ‘likewise what is in his mouth.’ And when Hushai was
come to Absalom, Absalom spake to him, saying, ‘Ahitho-
‘phel hath spoken after this manner; shall we do after his
7 ‘saying? If not, speak thou.’ And Hushai said to Absalom,
‘The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good
8 ‘at this time.’ And Hushai said, ‘Thou knowest thy father
‘and his men, that they are warriors, and they are chafed
‘in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field.
‘And thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with
9 ‘the people. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some
‘other place. And it will come to pass, when some of
‘them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth
‘it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that
10 ‘follow Absalom. And he also that is a son of valour,
‘whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt;
‘for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a warrior, and
11 ‘they that be with him are sons of valour. Therefore
‘I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee,
‘from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the
‘sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine
12 ‘own person. So shall we come upon him in some place
‘where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as
‘the dew falleth on the ground. And of him and of all
‘the men that are with him there shall not be left so much
13 ‘as one. Moreover, if he be got into a city, then shall all
‘Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it as into
‘a river, until there be not one small stone found there.’
14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, ‘The counsel
‘of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.’ For Jehovah had appointed to defeat the good
counsel of Ahithophel, to the end that Jehovah might
bring evil upon Absalom.
15 Then said Hushai to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests,
‘Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the
‘elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.
16 ‘Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge

‘not this night in the barren valleys of the desert, but
‘speedily pass over [the Jordan]; lest the king be swal-
‘lowed up, and all the people that are with him.’ Now ¹⁷
Jonathan and Ahimaaz had stayed by Ain-rogel; for they
might not be seen to come into the city. And a wench
went and told them; and they went and told king David.
Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But they ¹⁸
went both of them away quickly, and came to a man’s
house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; into which
they went down. And the woman took and spread a cover- ¹⁹
ing over the well’s mouth, and scattered ground corn thereon;
and the thing was not known. And when Absalom’s ser- ²⁰
vants came to the woman to the house, they said, ‘Where
‘are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?’ And the woman said to
them, ‘They are gone over the brook of water.’ And
when they had sought and could not find them, they re- ²¹
turned to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, after they were
departed, that they came up out of the well, and went
and told king David, and said to David, ‘Arise, and pass
‘quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel coun- ²²
‘selled against you.’ Then David arose, and all the people
that were with him, and they passed over the Jordan. By
the morning light there lacked not one of them that was
not gone over the Jordan.

And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not ²³
followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and went to his
house, to his city, and gave orders to his household, and
hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the burial
place of his father.

Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed ²⁴
over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.
And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of ²⁵
Joab. This Amasa was the son of a man, whose name
was Ithra, an Israelite, that went into Abigail the daughter
of Nahash, and sister to Zeruiah Joab’s mother. So Israel ²⁶
and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, ²⁷
that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the Children
of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar,
and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, brought beds, and ²⁸
basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and

meal, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and
20 parched pulse, and honey, and curds, and sheep, and
cheese of cows, for David, and for the people that were
with him, to eat. For they said, 'The people is hungry,
-- 'and weary, and thirsty, in the desert.'

1 And David mustered the people that were with him, and
set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over
2 them. And David sent forth a third part of the people
under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand
of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, and brother of Joab, and a
third part under the hand of Ittai the Gathite. And the
king said to the people, 'I will surely go forth with you
3 'myself also.' But the people answered, 'Thou shalt not
'go forth. For if we flee away, they will not care about us ;
'neither if half of us die, will they care about us. But now
'thou art worth ten thousand of us ; therefore now it is
'better that thou succour us from out of the city' [of
4 Mahanaim]. And the king said to them, 'What seemeth
'to you best I will do.' And the king stood by the side of
the city gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and
5 by thousands. And the king commanded Joab and Abishai
and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young
'man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king
gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field against Israel ;
7 and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. And there
the people of Israel were defeated before the servants of
David, and there was there a great defeat that day of
8 twenty thousand men. For the battle was there spread
over the face of all the country ; and the forest devoured
more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom
rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick
boughs of a great oak, and his head was caught in the
oak, and he was taken up between the heavens and the
10 earth ; and the mule that was under him went away. And
a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, 'Behold, I
11 'saw Absalom hanged in an oak.' And Joab said to the
man that told him, 'And, behold, thou sawest him, and
'why didst thou not smite him there to the ground ? And
'I would have given thee ten pieces of silver and a girdle.'
12 And the man said to Joab, 'Though I should feel the weight

‘of a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, yet would I not
‘put forth my hand against the king’s son. For in our
‘hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai,
‘saying, Let everyone take care of the young man Absa-
‘lom. Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against¹³
‘mine own life. For there is no matter hid from the king,
‘and thou thyself wouldst have set thyself against me.’
Then said Joab, ‘I may not tarry thus with thee.’ And he¹⁴
took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through
Absalom’s heart while he was yet alive in the midst of the
oak. And ten young men that bare Joab’s armour sur-¹⁵
rounded and smote Absalom, and slew him. And Joab¹⁶
blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing
after Israel; for Joab held back the people. And they¹⁷
took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the forest,
and laid a very great heap of stones upon him. And all
Israel fled every one to his tent.

Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up¹⁸
for himself a pillar, which is in the king’s dale; for he
said, ‘I have no son to keep my name in remembrance.’
And he called the pillar after his own name. And it is
called unto this day Absalom’s monument.

Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, ‘Let me now run,¹⁹
‘and bear the king tidings, how that Jehovah hath done
‘him justice against the hand of his enemies.’ And Joab²⁰
said to him, ‘Thou art not a man to bear tidings this day,
‘but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day
‘thou shalt not bear tidings, because it is that the king’s
‘son is dead.’ Then said Joab to a Cushite [or Negro],²¹
‘Go tell the king what thou hast seen.’ And the Cushite
bowed himself to Joab, and ran. Then said Ahimaaz the²²
son of Zadok yet again to Joab, ‘But however it be, let me,
‘I pray thee, also run after the Cushite.’ And Joab said,
‘Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast
‘no fortunate tidings?’ ‘But however it is,’ [said he],²³
‘let me run.’ And he said to him, ‘Run.’ Then Ahimaaz
ran by the way of the Circle of [the Jordan], and outran
the Cushite.

And David was sitting between the two city gates. And²⁴
the watchman went up to the roof over the city gate to
the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a
man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the²⁵

king. And the king said, 'If he be alone, there is tidings
26 'in his mouth.' And he came apace, and drew near. And
the watchman saw another man running. And the watch-
man called to the gate-keeper, and said, 'Behold, a man
'is running alone.' And the king said, 'He also bringeth
27 'tidings.' And the watchman said, 'Methinketh the run-
'ning of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the
'son of Zadok.' And the king said, 'He is a good man, and
28 'cometh with good tidings.' And Ahimaaz called, and
said to the king, 'All is well.' And he bowed down to the
earth upon his face before the king, and said, 'Blessed be
'Jehovah thy God, who hath delivered up the men that
29 'lifted up their hands against my lord the king.' And the
king said, 'Is the young man Absalom safe?' And Ahi-
maaz answered, 'When Joab sent the king's servant, and
'me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not
30 'what it was.' And the king said to him, 'Turn aside, and
31 'stand here.' And he turned aside, and stood still. And,
behold, the Cushite came. And the Cushite said, 'Tidings
'for my lord the king. For Jehovah hath done thee justice
'this day against the hand of all them that rose up against
32 'thee.' And the king said to the Cushite, 'Is the young man
'Absalom safe?' And the Cushite answered, 'May the
'enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee
33 'to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.' And the king
was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the
city gate, and wept. And as he went, thus he said, 'O my
'son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom ! I would that I
— 'had died instead of thee, O Absalom, my son, my son !'
1 And it was told Joab, 'Behold, the king weepeth and
2 'mourneth for Absalom.' And the victory that day was
turned into mourning unto all the people. For the people
heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.
3 And the people got them by stealth that day into the city,
as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in bat-
4 tle. But the king covered his face, and the king cried with
a loud voice, 'O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my
5 'son !' And Joab came into the house to the king, and
said, 'Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy ser-
'vants, who this day have saved thy life, and the lives of
'thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives,
6 'and the lives of thy concubines ; in that thou lovest those

‘that hate thee, and hatest those that love thee. For thou
‘hast declared this day, that princes and servants are no-
‘thing to thee. For this day I perceive, that if Absalom
‘had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had been
‘right in thine eyes. Now therefore arise, go forth, and 7
‘speak to the heart of thy servants. For I swear by Jeho-
‘vah, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee
‘this night. And that will be worse unto thee than all the
‘evil that hath come upon thee from thy youth until now.’
Then the king arose, and sat at the city gate. And they 8
told to all the people, saying, ‘Behold, the king doth sit
‘at the city gate.’ And all the people came before the king.

Then Israel fled every man to his tent. And all the 9
people were quarrelling throughout all the tribes of Israel,
saying, ‘The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies,
‘and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and
‘now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. And Absa- 10
‘lom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now
‘therefore why are ye silent about bringing the king back?’
And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the 11
priests, saying, ‘Speak to the elders of Judah, saying,
‘Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house?
‘seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even
‘to his house. Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and 12
‘my flesh. Wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the
‘king? And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not of my bone, 13
‘and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if
‘thou be not captain of the host before me for the future
‘in the room of Joab.’ And he turned the heart of all 14
the men of Judah, even as one man; so that they sent
this word to the king, ‘Return thou, and all thy servants.’
So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. And 15
Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct
the king over the Jordan.

And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of 16
Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah
to meet king David. And there were a thousand men of 17
Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of
Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twentyservants with him;
and they smoothed the passage of the Jordan before the
king. And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the 18
king’s household, and to do what was good in his eyes.

And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as
19 he was come over the Jordan. And he said to the king,
‘Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou
‘remember that which thy servant did perversely on the
‘day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the
20 ‘king should take it to his heart. For thy servant knoweth
‘that I have sinned; therefore, behold, I am come the
‘first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to
21 ‘meet my lord the king.’ But Abishai the son of Ze-
ruiah answered and said, ‘Shall not Shimei be put to death
22 ‘for this, because he cursed the anointed of Jehovah? And
David said, ‘What have I to do with you, ye sons of
‘Zeruiah, that ye should this day be accusers before me?
‘Shall any man be put to death this day in Israel? For
23 ‘do not I know that I am this day king over Israel?’ There-
fore the king said to Shimei, ‘Thou shalt not die.’ And
the king sware to him.

24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet
the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his
beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king de-
25 parted until the day he came again in peace. And it came
to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king,
that the king said to him, ‘Wherefore wentest not thou
26 ‘with me, Mephibosheth?’ And he answered, ‘My lord,
‘O king, my servant deceived me. For thy servant said,
‘I will saddle for me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and
27 ‘go with the king; because thy servant is lame. And he
‘hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king. But
‘my lord the king is as an angel of God. Do therefore what
28 ‘is good in thine eyes. For all of my father’s house were
‘but dead men before my lord the king. Yet didst thou
‘set thy servant among those that did eat at thine own
‘table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more
29 ‘to the king?’ And the king said to him, ‘Why speakest
‘thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and
30 ‘Ziba divide the land.’ And Mephibosheth said to the
king, ‘Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the
‘king is come again in peace to his own house.’

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim,
and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him
32 over the Jordan. Now Barzillai was a very aged man,
even eighty years old. And he had provided the king

with food during his stay at Mahanaim ; for he was a very great man. And the king said to Barzillai, 'Come thou³³ 'over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jeru- 'salem.' And Barzillai said to the king, 'How many³⁴ 'years have I to live, that I should go up with the king 'to Jerusalem? I am this day eighty years old; and³⁵ 'can I discern between good and evil? Can thy servant 'taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more 'the voice of singing men and singing women? Where- 'fore then should thy servant be henceforth a burden to 'my lord the king? Thy servant will go a little way over³⁶ 'the Jordan with the king. And why should the king 'reward me with such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray³⁷ 'thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, 'by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold 'thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the 'king; and do to him what shall seem good to thee.' And the king answered, 'Chimham shall go over with³⁸ 'me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to 'thee; and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will 'I do for thee.' And all the people went over the Jordan.³⁹ And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him. And he returned to his own place.

Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on⁴⁰ with him; and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel. And, behold, all the men⁴¹ of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, 'Why 'have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and 'have brought the king, and his household, and all David's 'men with him, over the Jordan?' And all the men of⁴² Judah answered the men of Israel, 'Because the king is 'near of kin to us. And why are ye angry for this matter? 'Have we eaten at all at the king's cost? or hath he given 'us any gift?' And the men of Israel answered the men⁴³ of Judah and said, 'We have ten parts in the king, and we 'have also more right in David than ye. Why then did 'ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in 'bringing back our king?' And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.— And there happened to be there a man of Belial [or wicked-¹ ness], whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Jaminite [or Benjamite]. And he blew a trumpet, and said, 'We

- ‘have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the
2 ‘son of Jesse ; every man to his tent, O Israel.’ So every man of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah clave to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.
- 3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to guard the house, and put them in a guard-house, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.
- 4 Then said the king to Amasa, ‘Call together unto me
‘the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here
5 ‘present.’ So Amasa went to call together Judah ; but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed
6 him. And David said to Abishai, ‘Now will Sheba the
‘son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom. Take
‘thou thy lord’s servants, and pursue after him, lest he get
7 ‘for himself fenced cities, and escape from our eyes.’ And there went out after him Joab’s men, and the axe-bearers, and the runners, and all the warriors. And they went out of
8 Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. When they were at the great stone which is in Gideon, Amasa came to meet them. And Joab had girded his outergarment that he had put on, and upon it was girded a sword fastened upon his loins in its sheath ; and as he went forth it fell
9 out. And Joab said to Amasa, ‘Art thou in health, my
‘brother ?’ And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the
10 right hand to kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab’s hand. So he smote him there-with in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again ; and he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.
- 11 And one of Joab’s young men stood by him, and said,
‘He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him
12 ‘go after Joab.’ And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw
13 that every one that came by him stood still. When he was put aside out of the highway, every man went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.
- 14 And [Sheba] went through all the tribes of Israel unto

Abel, and to Beth-maachah. And all the chosen men were gathered together, and went also after him. And they came¹⁵ and besieged him in Abel near Beth-maachah, and they cast up a siege-mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart. And all the people that were with Joab battered the wall to throw it down. Then cried a wise woman¹⁶ out of the city, 'Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, 'Come near hither that I may speak with thee.' And¹⁷ when he was come near to her, the woman said, 'Art 'thou Joab?' And he answered, 'I am he.' Then she said to him, 'Hear the words of thy handmaid.' And he answered, 'I do hear.' Then she spake, saying, 'They were¹⁸ 'wont to speak in old times, saying, They shall surely ask 'at Abel; and so they ended a matter. We are peaceable¹⁹ 'and faithful in Israel; thou seekest to destroy a city, and a 'mother in Israel. Why wilt thou swallow up Jehovah's 'inheritance?' And Joab answered and said, 'Far be it,²⁰ 'far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 'The matter is not so. But a man from the hill country²¹ 'of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted 'up his hand against king David. Deliver up him only, 'and I will depart from the city.' And the woman said to Joab, 'Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over²² 'the wall.' Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

Now Joab was over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah²³ the son of Jehoiada was over the Axe-bearers and over the Runners; and Adoram was over the tribute; and Jeho-²⁴ shaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; and Sheva was²⁵ scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; and Ira²⁶ also the Jairite was a priest unto David. —

Then there was a famine in the days of David for three¹ years, year after year; and David inquired of Jehovah. And Jehovah answered, 'It is for Saul, and for the house 'of bloodshed, because he slew the Gibeonites.' And the² king called the Gibeonites, and said to them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them; but Saul sought to slay them in his

³ zeal for the children of Israel and Judah;) and David said to the Gibeonites, 'What shall I do for you? And where-
'with shall I make atonement, that ye may bless Jeho-
⁴ 'vah's inheritance?' And the Gibeonites said to him, 'We will have no silver nor gold from Saul, nor from
'his house; neither for us shall any man be put to death
'within [the land of] Israel.' And he said, 'What ye shall
⁵ 'say, that will I do for you.' And they answered the king, 'The man that consumed us, and that devised against
'us, that we should be destroyed from remaining within any
⁶ 'of the boundaries of Israel, let seven men of his sons be
'delivered to us, and we will impale them unto Jehovah,
'in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Jehovah.' And the king
⁷ said, 'I will give them.' But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the oath of Jehovah that was between them, between David
⁸ and Jonathan the son of Saul. But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal [or Merab] the daughter of Saul, whom she bare
⁹ to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite; and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they impaled them on the hill before Jehovah. And they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first [month], in the beginning of the barley
¹⁰ harvest. And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of the heavens, and she suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the wild beasts of the field by night.
¹¹ And it was told David what Rizpah, the daughter of
¹² Aiah the concubine of Saul, had done. And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh in Gilead, who had stolen them from the broad place in Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in
¹³ Gilboa. And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered
¹⁴ up the bones of them that were impaled. And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the land of Benjamin, in Zelah, in the burial-place of Kish his father; and they performed all that the king com-

manded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

Moreover the Philistines had yet again war with Israel. ¹⁵
And David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines ; and David waxed faint. And Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of the giant, the ¹⁶
weight of whose spear was three hundred [Shekels] of copper in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of ¹⁷
Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware to him, saying, 'Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou 'quench not the lamp of Israel.'

And it came to pass after this, that there was again a ¹⁸
battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the sons of the giant. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, ¹⁹
where Elhanan the son of Jaare, one of the weavers, a Beth-lehemite, slew Goliath the Gathite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was again a ²⁰
battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number ; and he also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah ²¹
the brother of David slew him. These four were born to ²²
the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David, even by the hand of his servants.

And David spake to Jehovah the words of THIS SONG ¹
in the day that Jehovah had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul. And ²
he said,

'Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer ;
'My God, my rock, in whom I will trust ; ³
'My shield, and the horn of my salvation ;
'My high tower, and my refuge, my saviour ;
'Thou savest me from violence.

'With praises I will call on Jehovah ; ⁴
'So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
'When the waves of death encompassed me, ⁵
'The floods of wickedness made me afraid ;
'The cords of hell encompassed me about ; ⁶
'The snares of death were before me ;

- 7 'In my distress I called on Jehovah,
'Yea I called to my God ;
'And he heard my voice out of his temple ;
'And my cry did enter into his ears.
- 8 'Then the earth shook and trembled ;
'The foundations of the heavens were disquieted,
'And they were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 9 'There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
'And fire out of his mouth devoured ;
'Coals were kindled by it.
- 10 'He bowed the heavens also, and came down ;
'And darkness was under his feet.
- 11 'And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly ;
'And he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
- 12 'And he made darkness pavilions round about him,
'The gatherings of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
- 13 'At the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.
- 14 'Jehovah thundered from the heavens,
'And the Most High gave forth his voice.
- 15 'And he sent out arrows, and scattered them ;
'Lightning, and he discomfited them.
- 16 'And the channels of the sea were seen,
'The foundations of the world were laid bare,
'At Jehovah's rebuke, at a blast of the breath of his nostrils.
- 17 'He stretched forth from above, he took me ;
'He raised me up out of great waters ;
- 18 'He delivered me from my strong enemy,
'From my foes, for they were too strong for me.
- 19 'They came against me in the day of my calamity ;
'But Jehovah was my support.
- 20 'He brought me forth also into open space ;
'He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- 21 'Jehovah recompensed me according to my righteousness ;
'According to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.
- 22 'For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,
'And have not wickedly departed from my God.
- 23 'For all his judgments were before me ;
'And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.
- 24 'I was also upright before him,
'And I have kept myself from mine iniquity.
- 25 'And Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness ;
'According to my cleanness before his eyes.

- ' With the merciful thou shewest thyself merciful, 26
 ' And with an upright man thou shewest thyself upright.
 ' With the pure thou shewest thyself pure ; 27
 ' And with the froward thou shewest thyself perverse.
 ' And the afflicted people thou savest ; 28
 ' But bringest down thine eyes upon the haughty,
 ' For thou art my lamp, O Jehovah ; 29
 ' And Jehovah will enlighten my darkness.
 ' For by thee I would run through a troop ; 30
 ' By my God would I leap over a wall.
 ' As for God, his way is perfect ; 31
 ' The word of Jehovah is tried ;
 ' He is a shield to all those that trust in him.
 ' For who is God, save Jehovah ? 32
 ' And who is a rock, except our God ?
 ' God is my fortress of strength ; 33
 ' And he sheweth to the perfect his path.
 ' He maketh my feet like deer's feet ; 34
 ' And setteth me upon my high places.
 ' He teacheth my hands to war ; 35
 ' So that a bow of copper is bent by mine arms.
 ' Thou also givest me the shield of thy salvation ; 36
 ' And thy answering my prayer maketh me great.
 ' Thou hast widened my steps under me ; 37
 ' So that my ankles do not totter.
 ' I pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them ; 38
 ' And I turned not back till they were consumed.
 ' And I consumed them, and wounded them, 39
 ' That they rise not ; yea, they are fallen under my feet.
 ' For thou didst gird me with strength for battle ; 40
 ' Thou subduedst under me those that rose up against me.
 ' Thou also gavest me the necks of mine enemies, 41
 ' That I might destroy them that hate me.
 ' They cried for help, but there was none to save ; 42
 ' Even unto Jehovah, but he answered them not.
 ' Then did I beat them small as the dust of the earth, 43
 ' I pounded them, I crushed them as the mire of the street.
 ' Thou also deliveredst me from the strivings of my people. 44
 ' Thou hast kept me to be the head of nations ;
 ' A people whom I know not serve me ;
 ' Sons of the foreigner fawn before me ; 45
 ' When the ear heareth, they are obedient to me.

- 16 'Sons of the foreigner fade away,
 'And they gird themselves in their border-fastnesses.
 17 'Jehovah liveth; and blessed be my rock;
 'And exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation.
 18 'It is God that giveth me vengeance,
 'And that bringeth down the peoples under me,
 19 'And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies.
 'Thou also liftest me above those that rise up against me;
 'Thou hast delivered me from the man of violence.
 50 'Therefore I confess thee, Jehovah, among the nations,
 'And I will sing praises unto thy name.
 51 'He is a tower of salvation to his king;
 'And he sheweth kindness to his anointed,
 —'To David, and to his seed for evermore.'

1 Now these are the last words of David, the inspired word of David the son of Jesse, and the inspired word of the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and sweet psalmist of Israel.

- 2 'The spirit of Jehovah spake within me,
 'And his word was on my tongue;
 3 'The God of Israel said to me, the Rock of Israel spake—
 'A ruler of men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
 4 'And he shall be as the light of the morning,
 'When the sun riseth, in a morning without clouds;
 'Shining after rain on the grass of the earth:—
 5 'Although my house be not right with God;
 'Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
 'Ordered in all things, and to be kept.
 'For this is all my salvation, and all my desire.
 'For the wicked are not made to grow,
 6 'They all shall be thrust away as thorns,
 'Because they cannot be taken hold of with the hands;
 7 'But the man that shall touch them
 'Must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear;
 'And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.'

8 These are the names of the warriors whom David had; Josheb-bassebet, the Tachmonite, head of the Chiefs-of-three[or chariot-warriors]; the same was Adino the Eznite; he [lifted up his spear] against eight hundred, whom he
 9 slew at one time. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the son of Ahohi, one of the three warriors with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there

gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away ; he arose, and smote the Philistines until his¹⁰ hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword. And Jehovah wrought a great salvation that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. And after him was Sham-¹¹ mah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together to Lehi, where there was a piece of ground full of lentiles. And the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the piece of ground,¹² and defended it, and slew the Philistines. And Jehovah wrought a great salvation. And three of the thirty chiefs¹³ went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave near Adullam; and the Philistine wild beasts pitched in the Valley of the Giants. And David was then in a¹⁴ stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, ‘ Oh that one¹⁵ ‘ would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the city gate!’ And the three warriors¹⁶ brake through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the city gate, and took it, and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jehovah. And he said, ‘ It were wrong in me, O Jehovah, that I¹⁷ ‘ should do this. Is not this the blood of the men that ‘ went in jeopardy of their lives?’ Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three warriors.

And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah,¹⁸ was a chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among the three. Was he not most honourable of the three? therefore he¹⁹ was their captain. Howbeit he attained not unto the three.

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant²⁰ man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab. He went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in the time of snow. And he slew²¹ an Egyptian, a goodly man. And the Egyptian had a spear in his hand ; but he went down to him with a stick, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand, and slew him with his own spear. These things did Benaiah the son of²² Jehoiada, and had a name among the three warriors. He²³ was honourable among the thirty, but he attained not to the three. And David set him over his council.

24 Among the thirty were Asahel the brother of Joab,—
 25 Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,—Shammah the
 26 Harodite,—Elika the Harodite,—Helez the Paltite,—Ira
 27 the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,—Abiezer the Anathothite,
 28 —of the sons of the Hushathite,—Zalmon the Ahohite,—
 29 Maharai the Netophathite,—Heleb the son of Baanah the
 Netophathite,—Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the
 30 sons of Benjamin,—Benaiah the Pirathonite,—Hiddai of
 31 the brooks of Gaash,—Abi-albon the Arabathite,—Azma-
 32 veth the Barhumite,—Eliahba the Shaalbonite,—the sons
 33 of Jashen, Jonathan,—Shammah the Hararite,—Ahiam
 34 the son of Sharar the Hararite,—Eliphelet the son of
 Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite,—Eliam the son of Ahi-
 35 thophel the Gilonite—Hezrai the Carmelite,—Paarai the
 36 Arabian,—Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah,—Bani the
 37 Gadite,—Zelek the Ammonite,—Nahari the Beerothite,
 38 armour bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,—Ira the Ith-
 39 rite,—Gareb the Ithrite,—Uriah the Hittite; thirty and
 —seven in all.

1 And again the anger of Jehovah was kindled against
 Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, 'Go,
 2 'number Israel and Judah.' And the king said to Joab the
 captain of the forces that were with him, 'Go now to and
 'fro through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-
 'sheba, and register ye the people, that I may know the num-
 3 'ber of the people.' And Joab said to the king, 'Now may
 'Jehovah thy God add to the people, how many soever
 'they be, a hundred-fold, and may the eyes of my lord the
 'king see it. But why doth my lord the king delight in
 4 'this thing?' Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed
 against Joab, and against the captains of the forces. And
 Joab and the captains of the forces went out from the pre-
 sence of the king, to register the people of Israel.

5 And they passed over the Jordan, and pitched in Aroer,
 on the right [or south side] of the city that lieth in the
 6 midst of the valley of Gad, and toward Jazer. Then they
 came to Gilead, and to the land of the Lower-Hodeshites;
 and they came to Dan-jaan [or Paneas], and passed round
 7 to Sidon, and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all
 the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they
 went out to the South country of Judah, even to Beer-sheba.
 8 So when they had gone to and fro through all the land,

they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. And Joab gave up the sum of the register of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said to Jehovah, 'I have sinned greatly in what I have done. And now, I beseech thee, O Jehovah, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.' And when David was up in the morning, the word of Jehovah came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 'Go and say to David, Thus saith Jehovah, I offer thee three things; choose for thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.' So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, 'Shall seven years of famine come to thee in thy land? Or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? Or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? Now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.' And David said to Gad, 'I am in a great strait. Let us now fall into the hand of Jehovah; for his mercies are many: and let me not fall into the hand of man.'

So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, Jehovah repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that was destroying the people, 'It is enough. Stay now thy hand.' And the angel of Jehovah was by the threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake to Jehovah when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, 'Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let thy hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.'

And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, 'Go up, rear an altar unto Jehovah on the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.' And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as Jehovah commanded. And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And

Araunah said, 'Wherefore is my lord the king come to his
'servant?' And David said, 'To buy the threshing-floor of
'thee, to build an altar unto Jehovah, that the plague may
22 'be stayed from the people.' And Araunah said to David,
'Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good
'to him. Behold, here are oxen for burnt offering, and
'threshing instruments and instruments of the oxen for
23 'wood.' All these things did king Araunah give to the
king. And Araunah said to the king, 'May Jehovah thy
24 'God accept thee.' And the king said to Araunah, 'Nay;
'but I will surely buy it of thee at a price; neither will I
'offer up burnt offerings to Jehovah my God of that which
'doth cost me nothing.' So David bought the threshing-
floor and the oxen for fifty Shekels of silver. And David
25 built there an altar to Jehovah, and offered up burnt offer-
ings and peace offerings. So Jehovah was intreated for the
land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 **N**OW king David was old and stricken in years; and they
2 covered him with clothes, but he got no heat. There-
fore his servants said to him, 'Let there be sought for
'my lord the king a young woman, a maiden; and let her
'stand before the king, and let her be a companion to
'him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king
3 'may get heat.' So they sought for a fair young woman
throughout all the boundaries of Israel, and found Abishag
4 a Shunemite, and brought her to the king. And the
young woman was very fair, and she was a companion to
the king, and waited upon him; but the king knew her
not.
5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, say-
ing, 'I will be king.' And he prepared for himself chariots
6 and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his
father had not blamed him at any time in saying, 'Why hast
'thou done so?' And he also was of a very handsome figure;
7 and his mother bare him after Absalom. And he took
counsel with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar
8 the priest; and they helped Adonijah as followers. But
Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and

Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the warriors who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Ain-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants. But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the warriors, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

Then Nathan spake to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, 'Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. Go and get thee in unto king David, and say to him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear to thy handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? Why then doth Adonijah reign? Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.'

And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber. And the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunemite ministered to the king. And Bath-sheba bowed, and did reverence to the king. And the king said, 'What would'st thou?' And she said to him, 'My lord, thou didst swear by Jehovah thy God unto thy handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not. And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army; but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Or it will come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.'

And lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. And they told the king saying, 'Behold Nathan the prophet.' And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. And Nathan said, 'My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall

25 'sit upon my throne? For he is gone down this day, and
'hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance,
'and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of
'the army, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat
'and drink before him, and say, May king Adonijah live.
26 'But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and
'Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon,
27 'hath he not called. Is this thing done by my lord the
'king, and thou hast not shewed to thy servant who should
28 'sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?' Then
king David answered and said, 'Call to me Bath-sheba.'
And she came into the king's presence, and stood before
29 the king. And the king sware, and said, 'As Jehovah
30 'liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, even
'as I swear to thee by Jehovah the God of Israel, say-
'ing, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and
'he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I
31 'certainly do this day.' Then Bath-sheba bowed with her
face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said,
32 'May my lord king David live for ever.' And king David
said, 'Call to me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet,
'and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.' And they came in be-
33 fore the king. The king also said to them, 'Take with you
'the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to
'ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.
34 'And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint
'him there to be king over Israel. And blow ye with a
35 'trumpet and say, May king Solomon live. Then ye shall
'go up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my
'throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have
'appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.'
36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and
said, 'Amen; may Jehovah the God of my lord the king
37 'say so too. As Jehovah hath been with my lord the king,
'even so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne
'greater than the throne of my lord king David.'
38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-
naiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Axe-bearers, and the
Runners, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon
39 king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And
Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tent, and
anointed Solomon. And they blew a trumpet; and all

the people said, 'May king Solomon live.' And all the ⁴⁰ people went up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth was rent with the sound of them.

And when Adonijah and all the guests that were with ⁴¹ him heard it they made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, 'Wherefore is this 'noise of the city being in an uproar?' And while he yet ⁴² spake, behold Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. And Adonijah said to him, 'Come in ; for thou art a man 'of valour, and bringest good tidings.' And Jonathan ⁴³ answered and said to Adonijah, 'Verily our lord king 'David hath made Solomon king. And the king hath sent ⁴⁴ 'with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and 'Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Axe-bearers, and 'the Runners, and they have caused him to ride upon the 'king's mule. And Zadok the priest and Nathan the pro- ⁴⁵ phet have anointed him to be king in Gihon. And they 'are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city is in 'an uproar. This is the noise that ye have heard. And also ⁴⁶ 'Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. And more- ⁴⁷ 'over the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, 'saying, May God make the name of Solomon better than 'thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. 'And the king bowed himself upon the bed. And also ⁴⁸ 'thus said the king, Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, 'who hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine 'eyes even seeing it.' And all the guests that were with ⁴⁹ Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his own way.

And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and ⁵⁰ went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. And it ⁵¹ was told Solomon, saying, 'Behold Adonijah feareth king 'Solomon. For, lo, he hath taken hold on the horns of 'the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me to-day 'that he will not slay his servant with the sword.' And ⁵² Solomon said, 'If he will be a worthy man, there shall 'not a hair of him fall to the earth. But if wickedness 'shall be found in him, then he shall die.' So king Solomon ⁵³ sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon ; and Solomon said to him, 'Go to thy house.'

¹ Now David's days drew nigh that he should die; and he
² charged Solomon his son, saying, 'I go the way of all
³ 'the earth; be thou strong therefore, and be a man; and
 'keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways,
 'keep his statutes, his commandments, and his judg-
 'ments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of
 'Moses, so that thou mayest do wisely in all that thou
⁴ 'doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself; so that
 'Jehovah may establish his word which he spake concern-
 'ing me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way,
 'to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with
 'all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on
⁵ 'the throne of Israel. Moreover thou knowest also what
 'Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to
 'the two captains of the hosts of Israel, to Abner the son
 'of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and
 'shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war
 'upon his belt that was about his loins, and in his shoes
⁶ 'that were on his feet. Do therefore according to thy wis-
 'dom, and let not his hoary head go down to the grave in
⁷ 'peace. But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the
 'Gileadite, and let them be among those that eat at thy
 'table; for so they came to me when I fled from before
⁸ 'Absalom thy brother. And, behold, thou hast with thee
 'Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, of Bahurim, who
 'cursed me with a violent curse in the day when I went
 'to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the
 'Jordan, and I swore to him by Jehovah, saying, I will
⁹ 'not put thee to death with the sword. Now therefore
 'hold him not guiltless; for thou art a wise man, and
 'knowest what thou oughtest to do to him; and his hoary
 'head bring thou down to the grave with blood.'

¹⁰ So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the
¹¹ city of David. And the days that David reigned over
Israel were forty years. Seven years reigned he in Hebron,
and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

¹² Then sat SOLOMON upon the throne of David his father
[B.C. 976]; and his kingdom was established greatly.
¹³ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the
mother of Solomon. And she said, 'Comest thou peaceably?'
¹⁴ And he said, 'Peaceably.' He said moreover, 'I have
¹⁵ 'somewhat to say to thee.' And she said, 'Say on.' And

he said, 'Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and
 ' that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign.
 ' Howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my
 ' brother's ; for it was his from Jehovah. And now I ask ¹⁶
 ' one petition of thee, turn me not back.' And she said to
 him, 'Say on.' And he said, 'Speak, I pray thee, to Solomon ¹⁷
 ' the king, (for he will not turn thee back,) that he give me
 ' Abishag the Shunemite to wife.' And Bath-sheba said, ¹⁸
 ' Well ; I will speak for thee to the king.' Bath-sheba there- ¹⁹
 fore went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah.
 And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to
 her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to
 be placed for the king's mother ; and she sat on his right
 hand. Then she said, ' I desire one small petition of thee ; ²⁰
 ' turn me not back.' And the king said to her, ' Ask on, my
 ' mother, for I will not turn thee back.' And she said, ' Let ²¹
 ' Abishag the Shunemite be given to Adonijah thy brother
 ' to wife.' And king Solomon answered and said to his ²²
 mother, ' And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunemite
 ' for Adonijah ? Ask for him the kingdom also ; (for he
 ' is mine elder brother ;) even for him, and for Abiathar
 ' the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.' Then king ²³
 Solomon swore by Jehovah, saying, ' God do so to me,
 ' and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word
 ' against his own life. Now therefore, as Jehovah liveth, ²⁴
 ' who hath established me, and made me sit on the throne
 ' of David my father, and who hath made for me a house,
 ' as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.'
 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son ²⁵
 of Jehoiada. And he fell upon him that he died. And ²⁶
 to Abiathar the priest said the king, ' Get thee to Ana-
 ' thothe, to thine own fields ; for thou art worthy of death.
 ' But I will not at this time put thee to death, because
 ' thou didst bear the Ark of the Lord Jehovah before
 ' David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in
 ' all wherein my father was afflicted.' So Solomon thrust ²⁷
 out Abiathar from being priest unto Jehovah ; that he
 might fulfil the word of Jehovah, which he spake concern-
 ing the house of Eli in Shiloh.

Then tidings came to Joab ; for Joab had turned aside after ²⁸
 Adonijah, though he turned not aside after Absalom. And
 Joab fled to the Tent of Jehovah, and caught hold on the

- ²⁹ horns of the altar. And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled to the Tent of Jehovah, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoida, saying, 'Go, fall upon him.' And Benaiah came to the Tent of Jehovah, and said to him, 'Thus saith the king, Come forth.' And he said, 'Nay; but I will die here.' And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, 'Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.' And the king said to him, 'Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the wanton bloodshed, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. And Jehovah will return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men, more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever; but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from Jehovah.'
- ³⁴ So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him. And he was buried in his own house in the desert. And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host; and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.
- ³⁶ And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, 'Build for thee a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the valley of the Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die; thy blood shall be upon thine own head.' And Shimei said to the king, 'The saying is good. As my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do.'
- ³⁹ And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, 'Behold, thy servants are in Gath.' And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants. And Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem

to Gath, and was come again. And the king sent and ⁴²
called for Shimei, and said to him, 'Did I not make thee to
'swear by Jehovah, and protested to thee, saying, Know
'for certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest
'abroad any whither, thou shalt surely die? And thou
'saidst to me, The word that I have heard is good. Why ⁴³
'then hast thou not kept the oath of Jehovah, and the
'command that I charged thee with?' The king said ⁴⁴
moreover to Shimei, 'Thou knowest all the wickedness
'which thy heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my
'father. Therefore Jehovah returneth thy wickedness
'upon thine own head; and king Solomon shall be blessed, ⁴⁵
'and the throne of David shall be established before Je-
'hovah for ever.' So the king commanded Benaiah the son ⁴⁶
of Jehoiada; who went out, and fell upon him, that he died.
And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.—

And Solomon joined himself by marriage to Pharaoh ¹
king of Lower Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and
brought her into the City of David, until he had made an
end of building his own house, and the House of Jehovah,
and the wall of Jerusalem round about. The people sacri- ²
ficed only on High Places, because there was no House
built unto the name of Jehovah, until those days. And ³
Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of David
his father; only he sacrificed and burnt incense on High
Places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; ⁴
for that was the great High Place. A thousand burnt
offerings did Solomon offer up on that altar.

In Gibeon Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by ⁵
night. And God said, 'Ask what I shall give thee.' And ⁶
Solomon said, 'Thou hast shewed to thy servant David
'my father great kindness, according as he walked before
'thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of
'heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great
'kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his
'throne, as it is this day. And now, O Jehovah, my God, ⁷
'thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my
'father; and I am but a little child; I know not how to
'go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy ⁸
'people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that can-
'not be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore ⁹
'thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people,

‘that I may discern between good and bad. For who is
10 ‘able to judge this thy so great people?’ And the speech
was good in the eyes of Jehovah, that Solomon had asked
11 this thing. And God said to him, ‘Because thou hast
‘asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself length of
‘days; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked
‘the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself under-
12 ‘standing to discern judgment; behold, I have done accord-
‘ing to thy words; lo, I have given thee a wise and an
‘understanding heart, so that there was none like thee be-
‘fore thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.
13 ‘And I have also given thee that which thou hast not
‘asked, both riches and honour; so that there shall not be
14 ‘a man among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And
‘if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and
‘my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then
15 ‘I will lengthen thy days.’ And Solomon awoke; and,
behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and
stood before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and
offered up burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings,
and made a drinking feast to all his servants.
16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, to the
17 king, and stood before him. And the one woman said, ‘O
‘my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was
18 ‘delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came
‘to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this
‘woman was delivered also. And we were together; there
‘was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the
19 ‘house. And this woman’s son died in the night; because
20 ‘she overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and took my
‘son from beside me, while thy handmaid slept, and laid
‘it in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.
21 ‘And when I rose in the morning to give my son suck,
‘behold, it was dead. But when I had considered it well
‘in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I had
22 ‘borne.’ And the other woman said, ‘Nay; but the living
‘is my son, and the dead is thy son.’ And this said, ‘No;
‘but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son.’ Thus
23 they spake before the king. Then said the king, ‘The one
‘saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead.
‘And the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and
24 ‘my son is the living.’ And the king said, ‘Bring me a

‘sword.’ And they brought a sword before the king. And ²⁵
 the king said, ‘Divide the living child in two, and give half
 ‘to the one woman, and half to the other.’ ‘Then spake the ²⁶
 woman whose the living son was unto the king, for her
 bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, ‘O my lord,
 ‘give her the living child, and in no wise slay it.’ But
 the other said, ‘Let it be neither mine nor thine, but
 ‘divide it.’ Then the king answered and said, ‘Give her ²⁷
 ‘the living child, and in no wise slay it; she is its mother.’
 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had ²⁸
 judged; and they feared the king; for they saw that the
 wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

So king Solomon was king over all Israel. And these ¹
 were the princes which he had, ²

Azariah the son of Zadok was the priest;
 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, were the scribes; ³
 Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;
 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; ⁴
 And Zadok and Abiathar were priests;
 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; ⁵
 And Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest, was the king’s
 friend;
 And Ahishar was over the household; ⁶
 And Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute [or
 labour-levy].

And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who ⁷
 provided victuals for the king and his household; each
 man in his month in a year provided victuals. And these ⁸
 are the names;

The son of Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim;
 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth- ⁹
 shemesh, and Elon near Beth-hanan;
 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him belonged Sochoh, ¹⁰
 and all the land of Hephher;
 The son of Abinadab, in all the Heights of Dor; he had ¹¹
 Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife;
 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him belonged Taanach and ¹²
 Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah be-
 neath Jezreel, from Beth-shean, to Abel-meholah, even
 unto the further side of Jokneam;
 The son of Geber, in Ramoth in Gilead; to him belonged ¹³
 the Hamlets of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in
 Gilead; to him also belonged the region of Argob, which

is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and gate-bars of copper ;

¹⁴ Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim ;

¹⁵ Ahimaaz was in Naphtali ; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife ;

¹⁶ Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth ;

¹⁷ Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar ;

¹⁸ Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin ;

¹⁹ Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan ; and he was the only officer that was in the land.

²⁰ Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

²¹ And Solomon had sway over all kingdoms from the River [Euphrates] unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the boundary of Lower Egypt. They brought presents, and

²² served Solomon all the days of his life. And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty Cors [each 75 gallons] of

²³ fine flour, and sixty Cors of meal, ten fatted oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep,

²⁴ beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all the region beyond [or westward of] the River [Euphrates,] from Tiphseh even to Gaza, over all the kings beyond the River. And

²⁵ he had peace on all sides round about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the

²⁶ days of Solomon. And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

²⁷ And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came to king Solomon's table, every man in

²⁸ his month. They lacked nothing. Barley also and straw for the [draft] horses and swift horses brought they to the place where they were ; every man according to his charge.

²⁹ And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that

³⁰ is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the East country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all mankind ;

³¹ than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chaldei, and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his name was in all the

³² nations round about. And he spake three thousand

proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is on ³³ Lebanon even to the hyssop that springeth out of the wall. He spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came some of all the peoples ³⁴ to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth that had heard of his wisdom.

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And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; ¹ for he had heard that they had anointed him to be king in the room of his father; for Hiram had been ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, ‘Thou ² ‘knowest how that David my father could not build a ³ ‘house unto the name of Jehovah his God for the wars ‘which were about him on every side, until Jehovah put ‘them under the soles of his feet. But now Jehovah my ⁴ ‘God hath given me rest on every side; there is neither ‘adversary nor evil opposer. And, behold, I purpose to ⁵ ‘build a house unto the name of Jehovah my God, as ‘Jehovah spake to David my father, saying, Thy son, ‘whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall ‘build a house unto my name. Now therefore command ⁶ ‘thou that they hew for me cedar trees out of Lebanon; ‘and my servants shall be with thy servants; and unto thee ‘will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou ‘shalt say; for thou knowest that there is not among us ‘any that hath skill to hew timber like the Sidonians.’

And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of ⁷ Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, ‘Blessed be ‘Jehovah this day, who hath given to David a wise son ‘over this great people.’ And Hiram sent to Solomon, ⁸ saying, ‘I have heard what thou sentest to me for; and I ‘will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar and con- ‘cerning timber of fir. My servants shall bring them down ⁹ ‘from Lebanon to the sea; and I will convey them by ‘sea as floats to the place that thou shalt appoint me, ‘and I will take them to pieces there, and thou shalt re- ‘ceive them. And then thou shalt accomplish my desire, ‘in giving food for my household.’ So Hiram gave Solo- ¹⁰ mon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand Cors of wheat ¹¹ for food to his household, and twenty Cors of beaten oil. Thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. And Jehovah ¹²

gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him ; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon ; and they two made a league together.

¹³ And king Solomon raised a labour levy out of all Israel ;
⁴ and the labour levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses. A month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home.
⁵ And Adoniram was over the labour levy. And Solomon had seventy thousand that bare burdens, and eighty thousand hewers in the mountains, besides the captains of Solomon's officers who were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, who ruled over the people that wrought
¹⁷ in the work. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the
¹⁸ foundation of the House. And Solomon's builders, and Hiram's builders, and the men of Gebal [or Byblus], did
—hew them. So they prepared the timber and the stones to build the House.

¹ And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel [A.M. 3148 and B.C. 973], in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the HOUSE OF
² JEHOVAH. And the House which king Solomon built for Jehovah, its length was sixty cubits, and its breadth
³ twenty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. And the porch before the Great Hall of the House, twenty cubits was its length on the face of the breadth of the House ; and ten
⁴ cubits was its breadth before the House. And for the House he made windows with closed lattices.

⁵ And against the wall of the house he built floors [for chambers] round about the walls of the house, round about both the Great Hall and the Place of the Oracle ; and he
⁶ made ROWS OF CHAMBERS round about. The nethermost Floor was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad ; for on the outside of the House he made narrowed rests round about, so that nothing should be fastened into the walls of
⁷ the House. And the House, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither ; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of
⁸ iron heard in the House, while it was in building. The

entrance for the middle row of chambers was in the right front corner of the House ; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle [row], and out of the middle into the third. So he built the House, and finished it ; and panelled the House, the vault-beams, and the boards, with cedar. And he built a floor, [or inner gallery] against all the House, five cubits high ; and it rested on the House with timbers of cedar.

And the word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying, ' Concerning this House which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them, then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake to David thy father ; and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.'

So Solomon built the House, and finished it. And he built the walls of the House within with planks of cedar, from the floor of the House to the walls of the ceiling, covering the wood on the inside ; and he covered the floor of the House with planks of fir. And he built [a room of] twenty cubits on to the back of the House, from the floor to the walls with planks of cedar ; he even built them on to it behind, for the Place of the Oracle, even for the Holy of Holies. And the House, that is the Great Hall, the fore-part of it, was forty cubits long. And the cedar of the House within was carved with gourds and open flowers. All was cedar ; there was no stone seen.

And THE PLACE OF THE ORACLE he prepared in the inner room, to set there the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah. And the Place of the Oracle in the fore-part was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in its height. And he overlaid it with pure gold ; and so overlaid the altar which was of cedar. So Solomon overlaid the inner room with pure gold. And he made a partition by the chains of gold before the Place of the Oracle ; and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole House he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the House. Also the whole altar that was at the Place of the Oracle he overlaid with gold.

And within the Place of the Oracle he made TWO CHERUBS of olive wood, each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub ; from the tip of the one

²⁵ wing to the tip of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits ; both the cherubs were of
²⁶ one measure and one shape. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.
²⁷ And he set the cherubs within the inner room. And they stretched forth the wings of the cherubs, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall ; and their wings touched one another in the middle of the room.
²⁸ And he overlaid the cherubs with gold. And he carved
²⁹ all the walls of the House round about with carved figures of cherubs and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner
³⁰ and in the outer room. And the floor of the House he overlaid with gold, in the inner and in the outer room.

³¹ And for the entrance of the Place of the Oracle he made doors of olive wood ; the lintel over the door-posts
³² was a fifth part [of the wall]. The two doors also were of olive wood ; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubs and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread the gold upon the cherubs,
³³ and upon the palm trees. So also made he for the entrance of the Great Hall door-posts of olive-wood, a
³⁴ fourth part [of the wall]. And the two doors were of fir wood. There were two folding leaves to the one door,
³⁵ and two folding leaves to the other door. And he carved thereon cherubs and palm trees and open flowers ; and covered them with gold fitted upon the figured work.

³⁶ And he built the INNER COURT with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar rails.

³⁷ In the fourth year was the foundation of the House of
³⁸ Jehovah laid, in the month Zif ; and in the eleventh year [B.C. 966], in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the House finished throughout all its parts, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years—in building it.

¹ And Solomon was building HIS OWN HOUSE thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

² And he built the HOUSE OF THE FOREST OF LEBANON. Its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, upon four rows of
³ cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. And it was panelled with cedar above upon the beams which lay

on the pillars ; being forty-five, fifteen in a row. And there⁴ were lattice-windows in three rows ; and light was against light in three ranks. And all the openings and side-⁵ posts were squared with the lattice-windows ; and light was against light in three ranks. And he made a porch⁶ of pillars. Its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits. And the porch was before those, and the pillars and the thick beam were before those [of the house].

Then he made the PORCH OF THE THRONE where he⁷ might judge, even the porch of judgment. And it was panelled with cedar from the floor to the roof. And his⁸ house where he dwelt had a COURT IN THE REAR, from the house to this porch, which was of the like work.

Solomon made also a HOUSE FOR PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, whom he had taken to wife, like to this porch.

All these were of costly stones, according to the⁹ measures of the hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside toward the GREAT COURT. And¹⁰ the foundation was of costly stones. The great stones were stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. And on the upper surface were costly stones, after the¹¹ measures of the hewed stones, and cedars. And the¹² Great Court was inclosed with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar rails, both toward the Inner Court of the House of Jehovah, and toward the Porch of the House.

And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.¹³ He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his¹⁴ father was a man of Tyre, a worker in copper ; and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and with knowledge to work all works in copper. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. And he cast the TWO¹⁵ PILLARS of copper. Eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar ; and a line of twelve cubits did encompass either of the two pillars. And he made two capitals of molten¹⁶ copper, to set upon the tops of the pillars. The height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits ; and trellises of trellis work, with¹⁷ wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars, seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. And he made the pillars, and two¹⁸

rows of pomegranates round about on the one trellis-work, to cover the capital that was on the top; and so did he
19 for the other capital. (But the capitals that were on the top of the pillars within the porch were of lily work, four
20 cubits.) And the capitals on the two pillars also were above, over against the round moulding which was beyond the trellis-work; and the pomegranates were two hundred
21 in rows round about on each of the two capitals. And he set up the pillars at the porch of the great Hall [of the temple]; and he set up the right pillar, and called its name Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called
22 its name Boaz. And on the top of the pillars was lily work; so was the work of the pillars finished.

23 And he made a molten WATER-CISTERN, of ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round all about, and its height was five cubits. And a line of thirty cubits did encompass
24 it round about. And under the brim of it round about there were gourds encompassing it, ten in a cubit, encircling the Water-cistern round about in two rows. The gourds were
25 cast in their moulds. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. And the Water-cistern was set above upon
26 them, and all their hinder parts were inward. And its thickness was a hand breadth [or three inches]; and its brim was wrought like the brim of the cup of the flower of a lily. It contained two thousand Baths [or 15,000 gallons].

27 And he made TEN BASIN-STANDS of copper; four cubits was the length of one Basin-stand, and four cubits its
28 breadth, and three cubits the height of it. And the work of the Basin-stands was on this manner. They had side-panels,
29 and the side-panels were between joinings. And on the side-panels that were between the joinings were lions, oxen, and cherubs. And thus also it was upon the top above the joinings. And beneath the lions and oxen were gar-
30 lands made of hanging work. And every Basin-stand had four copper wheels, and axles of copper. And its four corners were their supports. Under the basin [or laver]
31 were molten supports, at the side of every garland. And the mouth of it within the top-ledge and above was a cubit; but the mouth of the ring with the work of the Basin-stand was a cubit and a half. And also upon the mouth of

it were gravings; and their side-panels were four-square, not round. And under the side-panels were four wheels; and the axle-trees of the wheels were fixed in the Basin-stand. And the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot-wheel; their axle-trees, and their circles, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. And there were four supports to the four corners of each Basin-stand; and the supports were part of the Basin-stand itself. And on the top of the Basin-stand was there an encompassing ring of half a cubit high. And on the top of the Basin-stand were its handles; and its side-panels were part of the same. For on the plates of its handles, and on its side-panels, he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees, according to the open space in each, and garlands round about. After this manner he made the ten Basin-stands; all of them were of one casting, one measure, and one shape.

Then made he ten LAVERS [or Basins] of copper; one Laver contained forty Baths [or 300 gallons]; and every Laver was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten Basin-stands was one Laver. And he put five Basin-stands at the right front corner of the House, and five at the left front corner of the House; and he set the Water-cistern near the right front corner of the House eastward over against the south. And Hiram made the Lavers, and the Ladles, and the Sprinkling Buckets.

So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made for king Solomon for the House of Jehovah; the two pillars, and the bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two trellis-works to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars; and four hundred pomegranates for the two trellis-works, (even two rows of pomegranates for each trellis-work,) to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars; and the ten basin-stands, and ten lavers on the basin-stands; and one water-cistern, and twelve oxen under the water-cistern; and the pots, and the ladles, and the sprinkling buckets; and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the House of Jehovah, were of polished copper. In the Circle of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zartan. And Solomon left all the vessels [unweighed],

because they were very very many; the weight of the copper was not sought for.

⁴⁸ And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the House of Jehovah; the Golden Altar, and the Table of
⁴⁹ gold, whereupon the presence-bread was, and the Lamp-stands of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the Place of the Oracle, with the flowers,
⁵⁰ and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, and the bowls, and the snuffers, and the sprinkling buckets, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner room, the Holy of Holies, and for the doors of the house, to wit, for the Great Hall.
⁵¹ So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the House of Jehovah. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the
—treasures of the House of Jehovah.

¹ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah out of the
² city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the Feast [of Tabernacles] in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh
³ month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests
⁴ took up the Ark. And they brought up the Ark of Jehovah, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent, even those did the priests and the Levites
⁵ bring up. And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the Ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told
⁶ nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah to its place, into the Place of the Oracle of the House, into the Holy of Holies,
⁷ even under the wings of the cherubs. For the cherubs spread forth their wings over the place of the Ark, and the
⁸ cherubs covered over the Ark and its staves from above. And so long were the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen from the Holy [room] in front of the Place of the Oracle, but they were not seen on the outside. And there
⁹ they are unto this day. There was nothing in the Ark save the Two Tables of Stone, which Moses put there at

Horeb, when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Lower Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests went out of the Holy Place, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud ; for the glory of Jehovah had filled the House of Jehovah. Then spake Solomon, ‘Jehovah said that he ‘would dwell in the thick darkness. I have surely built ‘thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide ‘in for ever.’ And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel ; and all the assembly of Israel stood ; and he said, ‘Blessed be Jehovah the God of ‘Israel, who spake with his mouth to David my father, ‘and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day ‘that I brought forth my people Israel out of Lower Egypt ‘I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a ‘house, that my Name might be therein ; but I chose David ‘to be over my people Israel.—And it was in the heart of ‘David my father to build a House for the Name of Jehovah the God of Israel. And Jehovah said to David my ‘father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a House for ‘my Name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart. ‘Nevertheless thou shalt not build the House ; but thy son ‘that shalt come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the ‘House for my Name.—And Jehovah hath performed his ‘word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of ‘David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as ‘Jehovah promised, and I have built a House for the ‘Name of Jehovah the God of Israel. And I have set ‘there a place for the Ark, wherein is the Covenant of ‘Jehovah, which he made with our fathers when he ‘brought them out of the land of Lower Egypt.’

And Solomon stood before the Altar of Jehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven ; and he said, ‘O Jehovah God of ‘Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on ‘earth beneath, who keepest covenant and kindness with ‘thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart ; ‘who hast kept with thy servant David my father what ‘thou promisedst him ; and thou spakest with thy mouth, ‘and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day. Now ‘therefore, O Jehovah God of Israel, keep with thy servant

‘ David my father what thou promisedst him, saying, There
‘ shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the
‘ throne of Israel ; if so be that thy sons keep to their way,
26 ‘ to walk before me as thou hast walked before me.—And
‘ now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be veri-
‘ fied, which thou didst speak to thy servant David my
‘ father.

27 ‘ But will God in truth dwell on the earth? Behold, the
‘ heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee ;
28 ‘ how much less this House which I have built ? Turn thou
‘ therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his suppli-
‘ cation, O Jehovah my God, to hearken to the cry and to
‘ the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day ;
29 ‘ that thine eye may be open toward this House night and
‘ day, toward the Place of which thou hast said, My Name
‘ shall be there ; that thou mayest hearken to the prayer
30 ‘ which thy servant shall pray toward this place. And
‘ hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy
‘ people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place ;
‘ and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place ; and when
‘ thou hearest, forgive.

31 ‘ If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath [or
‘ self-curse] be laid upon him to make him swear, and the
32 ‘ oath come before thine altar in this House ; then hear
‘ thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, con-
‘ demning the wicked, by bringing his way upon his own
‘ head ; and justifying the righteous, by giving to him
‘ according to his righteousness.

33 ‘ When thy people Israel be smitten down before the
‘ enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall
‘ turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and
34 ‘ make supplication to thee in this House ; then hear thou
‘ in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and
‘ bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to their
‘ fathers.

35 ‘ When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain,
‘ because they have sinned against thee ; if they pray toward
‘ this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin,
36 ‘ when thou afflictest them ; then hear thou in heaven, and
‘ forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,
‘ that thou mayest teach them the good way wherein they

‘should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou
‘hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

‘If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, ³⁷
‘blight, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar ; if their
‘enemy besiege them in the land at their city gates ; for
‘every plague, for every sickness, what prayer and suppli- ³⁸
‘cation soever be made by any man, or by any one of thy
‘people Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his
‘own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this House ;
‘then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, ³⁹
‘and do, and give to every man according to his ways,
‘whose heart thou knowest ; (for thou, even thou only,
‘knowest the hearts of all the sons of Adam ;) so that they ⁴⁰
‘may fear thee all the days that they live upon the face
‘of the land which thou gavest to our fathers.

‘Moreover concerning a foreigner, that is not of thy ⁴¹
‘people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy
‘Name’s sake ; (for they will hear of thy great Name, and ⁴²
‘of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm ;) when
‘he shall come and pray toward this House ; hear thou in ⁴³
‘heaven, thy dwelling place, and do according to all that
‘the foreigner calleth to thee for ; so that all the peoples
‘of the earth may know thy Name, to fear thee, as do thy
‘people Israel ; and that they may know that this House,
‘which I have builded, is called by thy Name.

‘When thy people go out to battle against their enemy, ⁴⁴
‘whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray to
‘Jehovah toward the city which thou hast chosen, and
‘toward the House that I have built for thy Name ; then ⁴⁵
‘hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication,
‘and maintain their cause.

‘When they sin against thee, (for there is no man that ⁴⁶
‘sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and give them
‘up to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives
‘to the land of the enemy far or near ; yet if they shall again ⁴⁷
‘lay it to heart in the land whither they were carried, and
‘turn and make supplication to thee in the land of them
‘that carried them away, saying, We have sinned, and
‘have done perversely, we have committed wickedness ;
‘and so shall return to thee with all their heart, and with ⁴⁸
‘all their soul, in the land of their enemies, who led them

‘away captive, and shall pray to thee toward their land,
‘which thou gavest to their fathers, toward the city which
‘thou hast chosen, and the House which I have built for
49 ‘thy Name; then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place
‘their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their
50 ‘cause, and forgive thy people what they have sinned against
‘thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have trans-
‘gressed against thee, and grant them to find mercy in the
‘sight of them who carried them captive, that they may
51 ‘have mercy on them; for they are thy people and thine
‘inheritance, whom thou broughtest forth out of Lower
52 ‘Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron; that thine
‘eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and
‘unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken to
53 ‘them in all that they call for unto thee. For thou didst
‘separate them from among all the peoples of the earth,
‘to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of
‘Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out
‘of Lower Egypt, O Lord Jehovah.’

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of
praying all this prayer and supplication to Jehovah, he
55 arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on
his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. And he
stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud
56 voice, saying, ‘Blessed be Jehovah that hath given a rest-
‘ing-place to his people Israel, according to all that he
‘promised; there hath not failed one word of all his good
‘promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his
57 ‘servant. May Jehovah our God be with us, as he was
‘with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us;
58 ‘that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his
‘ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes,
‘and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.
59 ‘And let these my words, wherewith I have made suppli-
‘cation before Jehovah, be nigh to Jehovah our God day
‘and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant,
‘and the cause of his people Israel, each matter on its own
60 ‘day; so that all the peoples of the earth may know that
61 ‘Jehovah is God, and that there is none else. Let your
‘heart therefore be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk
‘in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at
‘this day.’

And the king, and all Israel with him, sacrificed a sacrifice before Jehovah. And Solomon sacrificed as a sacrifice of peace offerings which he sacrificed to Jehovah, two and twenty thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the House of Jehovah. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the Court that was before the House of Jehovah; for there he offered burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the copper altar that was before Jehovah was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

And at that time Solomon held the Feast [of Tabernacles], and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the Pass of Hamath unto the valley of Lower Egypt, before Jehovah our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. On the eighth day he sent the people away. And they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that Jehovah had done to David his servant, and to Israel his people.

And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the House of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, that Jehovah appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. And Jehovah said to him, 'I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me. I have hallowed this House, which thou hast built, to put my Name there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in honesty of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and will keep my statutes and my judgments; then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.—But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and bow down before them; then will I cut off Israel from the face of the land which I have given them; and this House, which I have hallowed for my Name, will I cast out of

‘my sight ; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword
8 ‘among all the peoples ; and this House shall be set on
‘high, that every one that passeth by it may be astonished,
‘and hiss ; and they shall say, Why hath Jehovah done
9 ‘thus to this land, and to this House? And they shall
‘answer, Because they forsook Jehovah their God, who
‘brought forth their fathers out of the land of Lower Egypt,
‘and have taken hold upon other gods, and have bowed
‘down before them, and served them ; therefore hath
‘Jehovah brought upon them all this evil.’

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when
Solomon had built the two houses, the House of Jehovah,
11 and the king’s house, after Hiram the king of Tyre had
furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and
with gold, according to all his desire, that then king Solo-
12 mon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And
Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon
had given him ; and they were not pleasing in his eyes.
13 And he said, ‘What cities are these which thou hast
‘given me, my brother?’ And he called them the land of
14 Cabul unto this day. And Hiram sent to the king a hun-
15 dred and twenty Kikars of Gold. And this is the reason
of the labour-levy which king Solomon raised ; for to build
the House of Jehovah, and his own house, and Millo [or
the Castle), and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and
16 Megiddo, and Gezer. For Pharaoh king of Egypt had
gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and
slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and had given
17 it as a dower for his daughter, Solomon’s wife. And Sol-
18 omon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the lower, and Baalath,
19 and Tadmor [or Palmyra] in the inland desert, and all the
cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots,
and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon
desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all
the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites,
Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not
21 of the children of Israel, their children that were left after
them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were
not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy
22 a tribute of bond-service unto this day. But of the children
of Israel did Solomon make no bond-servants ; but they

were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his chiefs-of-three [or chariot warriors], and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. These were the captains of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people that laboured in the work. 23

And Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her. Then did he build Millo. 21

And three times in a year did Solomon offer up burnt offerings and peace offerings on the Altar which he built unto Jehovah, and he burnt incense on that which was in the presence of Jehovah. So he finished the House. 25

And king Solomon made ships at Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the ships his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold to the weight of four hundred and twenty Kikars, and brought it to king Solomon. 26 27 28

And when the queen of Sheba had heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of Jehovah, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train of camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones. And when she was come to Solomon, she spake to him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions; there was not any thing hidden from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his Ascent [or Bridge] by which he went up into the House of Jehovah; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, 'It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me. Thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be Jehovah thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

‘because Jehovah loveth Israel for ever, therefore made
0 ‘he thee king, to do judgment and righteousness.’ And
she gave the king a hundred and twenty Kikars of gold,
and of spices very great store, and precious stones. There
came no more such abundance of spices as these which
the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

1 And the ships also of Hiram, that brought gold from
Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of Almug [or
2 ebony] trees, and precious stones. And the king made of
the almug trees stair-rails for the House of Jehovah, and
for the king’s house, harps also and psalteries for singers;
there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this
3 day. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all
her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solo-
mon gave her as of the king’s hand. So she turned and
went to her own country, she and her servants.

4 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one
5 year was six hundred sixty and six Kikars of gold, beside
that of the traders, and of the traffic of the merchants,
and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the Pashas [or gov-
ernors] of the country.

6 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of gold
beaten thin; six hundred [shekels] of gold went to one
7 target. And he made three hundred shields of gold beaten
thin; three Minæ of gold went to one shield. And the
king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

8 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and
9 overlaid it with purified gold. The throne had six steps,
and the top of the throne was round behind; and there
were arms on either side on the place of the seat, and two
10 lions stood beside the arms. And twelve lions stood there
on the one side and on the other upon the six steps;
there was not the like made in any kingdom.

11 And all king Solomon’s drinking vessels were of gold,
and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon
were of pure gold; none were of silver; that was ac-
12 counted as nothing in the days of Solomon. For the king
had at sea ships of Tarshish [or Tarsus], with the ships
of Hiram. Once in three years came the ships of Tarshish,
bringing gold, and silver, tusks of ivory, and apes, and
13 parrots. So king Solomon was greater than all the kings
of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

And all the earth sought the face of Solomon, to hear ²⁴
 his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. And they ²⁵
 brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and ves-
 sels of gold, and cloaks, and armour, and spices, horses,
 and mules, a rate year by year.

And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen ; ²⁶
 and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and
 twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the
 chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the ²⁷
 king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars
 made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the Low
 Country for abundance. And Solomon had horses brought ²⁸
 out of Lower Egypt ; a troop of the king's merchants
 received the troop [of horses] at a price. And a chariot ²⁹
 came up and went out of Lower Egypt for six hundred
 [Shekels or three hundred ounces] of silver, and a horse
 for a hundred and fifty. And so for all the kings of the
 Hittites, and for the kings of Syria did they bring them
 out by their hands.

But king Solomon loved many foreign women, together ¹
 with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites,
 Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites ; of the ²
 nations concerning which Jehovah had said to the children
 of Israel, ' Ye shall not go in unto them, neither shall they
 ' come in unto you ; for surely they will turn away your
 ' heart after their gods ; ' Solomon clave unto these in
 love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and ³
 three hundred concubines ; and his wives turned away his
 heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that ⁴
 his wives turned away his heart after other gods ; and his
 heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, as was the
 heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ash- ⁵
 taroth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom [or
 Molech] the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solo- ⁶
 mon did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and went not fully
 after Jehovah, as David his father had done. Then did ⁷
 Solomon build a High Place for Chemosh, the abomina-
 tion of Moab, on the hill that is in front of Jerusalem,
 and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Am-
 mon. And likewise did he for all his foreign wives, who ⁸
 burnt incense and sacrificed to their own gods. And ⁹
 Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart was

turned from Jehovah the God of Israel, who had appeared
⁹ unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this
 thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he kept
¹ not that which Jehovah had commanded. Therefore Jeho-
 vah said to Solomon, 'Forasmuch as this is done by thee,
 'and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes,
 'which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the
² 'kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Not-
 'withstanding, in thy days I will not do it for David thy
 'father's sake ; but I will rend it out of the hand of thy
¹³ 'son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom ;
 'but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's
 'sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.'
⁴ And Jehovah raised up an adversary unto Solomon,
 Hadad the Edomite. He was of the seed of the kings of
⁵ Edom. For it came to pass, when David was in Edom,
 and Joab the captain of the army was gone up to bury the
¹⁶ slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom, (for six
 months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had
¹⁷ cut off every male in Edom,) that Hadad fled, he and
 certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go
¹⁸ into Lower Egypt ; Hadad being yet a little child. And
 they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran. And they
 took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Lower
 Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Lower Egypt ; who gave him
 a house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.
¹⁹ And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so
 that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the
²⁰ sister of Tahpenes the queen. And the sister of Tahpenes
 bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in
 Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's house-
²¹ hold among the sons of Pharaoh. And when Hadad heard
 in Lower Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that
 Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pha-
 raoh, 'Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.'
²² Then Pharaoh said to him, 'But what hast thou lacked
 'with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own
 'country ?' And he answered, 'Nothing ; howbeit let me
 'go in any wise.'
²³ And God raised up against him as an adversary Rezon
 the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer
²⁴ king of Zobah. And he gathered men unto him, and became

captain over a troop, when David slew them [of Zobah]. And they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. And he was an adversary to Israel ²⁵ all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did. And he harassed Israel, and reigned over Syria.

And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, though he was Solomon's servant, yet he lifted up his hand against the king. And this was the cause that he lifted ²⁷ up his hand against the king. Solomon had built Millo [or the castle], and had repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. And the man Jeroboam was a warrior ²⁸ of valour. And Solomon seeing the young man that he had done the work, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. And it came to pass at that time ²⁹ when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new cloak; and they two were alone in the field. And Ahijah caught the new cloak that was ³⁰ on him, and rent it into twelve pieces. And he said to Jeroboam, ³¹ 'Take to thyself ten pieces; for thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom 'out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to 'thee; (but he shall have one tribe for my servant David's ³² 'sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have 'chosen out of all the tribes of Israel;) because that they ³³ 'have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtarothe the 'goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moab- 'ites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and 'have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in 'mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, 'as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the ³⁴ 'whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him 'prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, 'whom I chose because he kept my commandments and 'my statutes. But I will take the kingdom out of his son's ³⁵ 'hand, and will give it to thee, even ten tribes. And ³⁶ 'to his son will I give one tribe, so that there may be a 'lamp for David my servant always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to put my 'Name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign ³⁷ 'according to all that thy soul desireth, and thou shalt be

¹⁸ 'king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken
¹⁹ 'unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways,
 'and do what is right in my sight, to keep my statutes,
 'and my commandments, as David my servant did ; that
 'I will be with thee, and will build unto thee a sure house,
²⁰ 'as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. And
 'I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.'
²¹ Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam
 arose, and fled into Lower Egypt, unto Shishak
 king of Lower Egypt, and was in Lower Egypt until the
 death of Solomon.

¹ And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he
 did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of
² the Acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned
³ in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. And Solomon
 slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of
 David his father ; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his
 —stead [B.C. 936].

¹ And REHOBAM went to Shechem ; for all Israel were
² come to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass,
 when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was
 as yet in Lower Egypt, whither he was fled from the
 presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Lower
³ Egypt,) that they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and
 all the assembly of Israel came, and spake to Rehoboam,
⁴ saying, 'Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore
 'do thou lighten the grievous service of thy father, and
 'his heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve
⁵ 'thee.' And he said to them, 'Depart yet for three days,
 'then come again to me.' And the people departed.

⁶ And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that
 stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and
 said, 'How do ye advise, that I may return answer to this
⁷ 'people?' And they spake to him, saying, 'If thou wilt
 'be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve
 'them, and answer them, and speak good words to them,
⁸ 'then they will be thy servants for ever.' But he forsook
 the counsel of the old men, which they had counselled him,
 and consulted with the young men that had grown up
⁹ with him, and who stood before him. And he said to them,
 'What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this
 'people, who have spoken to me, saying, Do thou lighten

‘the yoke which thy father did put upon us?’ And the ¹⁰
young men that had grown up with him spake to him, say-
ing, ‘Thus shalt thou speak to this people that spake to
‘thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but do thou
‘lighten it unto us—thus shalt thou say to them, My little
‘finger shall be thicker than my father’s loins. And now ¹¹
‘whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will
‘add to your yoke. My father hath chastised you with
‘whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.’

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on ¹²
the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, ‘Come to
‘me again on the third day.’ And the king answered the ¹³
people roughly, and forsook the old men’s counsel that they
counselled him, and he spake to them after the counsel of ¹⁴
the young men, saying, ‘My father made your yoke heavy,
‘and I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you
‘with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.’ And ¹⁵
the king hearkened not to the people; for the guidance
was from Jehovah, so that he might perform his saying,
which Jehovah spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite
unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not to ¹⁶
them, the people returned answer to the king, saying,
‘What portion have we in David? Neither have we inhe-
‘ritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel. Now
‘see to thine own house, David.’ So Israel departed to
their tents. But as for the children of Israel that dwelt ¹⁷
in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the ¹⁸
tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died.
Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his
chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against ¹⁹
the house of David unto this day.

And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jero- ²⁰
boam was come again, that they sent and called him to
the congregation, and made him king over all Israel.
There was none that followed the house of David, but
only the tribe of Judah.

And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assem- ²¹
bled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin,
a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were
warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the

²² kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. But the word of God came to Shemaiah, a man of God, saying,
²³ ‘Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah,
‘and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the
²⁴ ‘remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Ye
‘shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the
‘children of Israel. Return every man to his house; for
‘this thing is from me.’ They hearkened therefore to the
word of Jehovah, and returned to depart, according to the
word of Jehovah.

²⁵ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein. And he went out from thence,
²⁶ and built Peniel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, ‘Now
²⁷ ‘will the kingdom return to the house of David, if this
‘people go up to do sacrifice in the House of Jehovah at
‘Jerusalem; then will the heart of this people turn again
‘unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and
‘they will kill me, and turn again to Rehoboam king of
²⁸ ‘Judah.’ Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two
calves of gold. And he said to them, ‘It is too much for
‘you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel,
²⁹ ‘who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.’ And he
³⁰ set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. And
this thing became a sin; for the people went up before
³¹ the one, even unto Dan. And he made a House of High
Places [or Altars], and made priests of the lowest of the
³² people, who were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam
ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth
day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he
offered up on the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing to
the calves that he had made. And he placed in Beth-el
³³ the priests of the High Places which he had made. So he
went up to the altar which he had made in Beth-el on
the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in a month
which he had set apart of his own heart; and he ordained
a feast unto the children of Israel; and he went up to
—the altar to burn incense.

¹ And, behold, there came A MAN OF GOD out of Judah by
the word of Jehovah unto Beth-el; and Jeroboam stood at
² the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar
by the word of Jehovah, and said, ‘O altar, altar, thus saith
‘Jehovah; Behold, a child will be born unto the house of

‘David, Josiah by name; and upon thee will he sacrifice the
‘priests of the High Places who burn incense upon thee,
‘and men’s bones shall be burned upon thee.’ And he gave ³
a sign the same day, saying, ‘This is the sign which Jeho-
‘vah hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the
‘bone-ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.’ And it ⁴
came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the
man of God, who had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that
he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, ‘Lay hold on
‘him.’ And his hand, which he put forth against him,
dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. The ⁵
altar also was rent, and the bone-ashes poured out from the
altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given
by the word of Jehovah. And the king answered and said ⁶
to the man of God, ‘Intreat now the face of Jehovah thy
‘God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to
‘me again.’ And the man of God intreated the face of
Jehovah, and the king’s hand was restored him again, and
became as it was before. And the king said to the man ⁷
of God, ‘Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I
‘will give thee a reward.’ And the man of God said to ⁸
the king, ‘If thou wilt give me half thy house, I will not
‘go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water
‘in this place. For so was it charged me by the word of ⁹
‘Jehovah, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor re-
‘turn again by the same way that thou camest.’ So he ¹⁰
went another way, and returned not by the way that he
came to Beth-el.

Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons ¹¹
came and told him all the works that the man of God had
done that day in Beth-el; the words which he had spoken
to the king, them they told also to their father. And ¹²
their father said to them, ‘What way went he?’ For his
sons had seen what way the man of God went, who came
from Judah. And he said to his sons, ‘Saddle for me ¹³
‘the ass.’ So they saddled for him the ass; and he rode
thereon, and went after the man of God, and found him ¹⁴
sitting under an oak. And he said to him, ‘Art thou the
‘man of God that camest from Judah?’ And he said, ‘I
‘am.’ Then he said to him, ‘Come home with me, and ¹⁵
‘eat bread.’ And he said, ‘I may not return with thee, ¹⁶
‘nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink

¹⁷ 'water with thee in this place ; for it was said to me by
'the word of Jehovah, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink
'water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou
¹⁸ 'camest.' And he said to him, 'I am a prophet also as thou
'art ; and an angel spake to me by the word of Jehovah,
'saying, Bring him back with thee into thy house, that
'he may eat bread and drink water.' But he lied unto
¹⁹ him. So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his
house, and drank water.

²⁰ And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the
word of Jehovah came to the prophet that brought him
²¹ back ; and he cried to the man of God that came from
Judah, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Forasmuch as thou
'hast disobeyed the mouth of Jehovah, and hast not kept
'the command which Jehovah thy God commanded thee,
²² 'but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water
'in the place, of which he did say to thee, Eat no bread,
'and drink no water ; thy carcase shall not come unto the
'burial-place of thy fathers.'

²³ And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after
he had drunk, that he saddled the ass for the prophet
²⁴ whom he had brought back. And when he was gone, a
lion met him by the way, and slew him. And his carcase
was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also
²⁵ stood by the carcase. And, behold, men passed by, and
saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by
the carcase ; and they came and told it in the city where
the old prophet dwelt.

²⁶ And when the prophet that brought him back from the
way heard thereof, he said, 'It is the man of God, who
'was disobedient unto the command of Jehovah. There-
'fore Jehovah hath delivered him to the lion, which hath
'torn him, and slain him according to the word of Jeho-
²⁷ 'vah, which he spake to him.' And he spake to his sons,
saying, 'Saddle for me the ass.' And they saddled it.
²⁸ And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and
the ass and the lion standing by the carcase. The lion
²⁹ had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass. And the pro-
phet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it
upon the ass, and brought it back. And the old prophet
³⁰ came to the city, to mourn and to bury him. And he laid
his carcase in his own burying-place ; and they mourned

over him, [saying,] ‘Alas, my brother!’ And it came to³¹ pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, ‘When I am dead, then bury me in the burying-
‘place wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones
‘beside his bones; for the saying which he cried by the³²
‘word of Jehovah against the altar in Beth-el, and against
‘all the houses of the High Places which are in the cities
‘of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.’

After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil³³ way, but made again some of the lowest of the people priests of the High Places. Whosoever would, he filled his hands [with offerings], and he became one of the priests of the High Places. And this thing became sin unto the³⁴ house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. And¹ Jeroboam said to his wife, ‘Arise, I pray thee, and disguise²
‘thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jero-
‘boam; and get thee to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the pro-
‘phet is there, who told me that I should be king over this
‘people. And take in thy hand ten loaves, and crack-³
‘nels, and a bottle of honey, and go to him; he will tell
‘thee what will become of the child.’ And Jeroboam’s wife⁴
did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his old age. And Jehovah said to Ahijah,⁵
‘Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of
‘thee for her son; for he is sick. Thus and thus shalt thou
‘say to her; for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she
‘shall feign herself to be a stranger.’ And it was so, when⁶
Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the doorway, that he said, ‘Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam;
‘why now feignest thou thyself to be a stranger? For I am
‘sent to thee with heavy tidings. Go, tell Jeroboam,⁷
‘Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Forasmuch as I
‘exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince
‘over my people Israel, and I rent the kingdom away from⁸
‘the house of David, and gave it to thee; and yet thou
‘hast not been as my servant David, who kept my com-
‘mandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do
‘that only which was right in mine eyes; but thou hast⁹
‘done evil above all that were before thee; and hast gone

- ‘and made for thyself other gods and molten images, to
‘provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back ;
10 ‘therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jero-
‘boam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man and
‘boy, whether bondsman or free in Israel ; and I will put
‘away behind me the house of Jeroboam, as a man putteth
11 ‘away dung, till it be all gone. Him of Jeroboam that dieth
‘in the city shall the dogs eat ; and him that dieth in the
‘field shall the fowls of the air eat ; for Jehovah hath spoken
12 ‘it. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house ;
13 ‘when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. And
‘all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him ; for he only
‘of Jeroboam shall come to a burial-place, because in him
‘there is found some good thing toward Jehovah the God
14 ‘of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. Moreover Jehovah
‘will raise up for himself a king over Israel, who will cut
‘off the house of Jeroboam that day. And what if it be
15 ‘even now ? For Jehovah will smite Israel, as a reed is
‘shaken in the water, and he will root up Israel out of this
‘good land, which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter
‘them beyond the river [Euphrates], because they have
‘made their images of Ashera, provoking Jehovah to anger.
16 ‘And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam,
‘which he did sin, and wherein he made Israel to sin.’
17 And Jeroboam’s wife arose, and departed, and came to
Tirzah ; and when she came to the threshold of the house,
18 the child died. And they buried him ; and all Israel
mourned for him, according to the word of Jehovah, which
he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.
19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and
how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of
20 the Chronicles of the kings of Israel. And the days which
Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years ; and he slept
with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.
21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah.
Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to
reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city
which Jehovah did choose out of all the tribes of Israel,
to put his name there. And his mother’s name was Naa-
22 mah an Ammonite woman. And Judah did evil in the
sight of Jehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with
their sins which they committed, above all that their

fathers had done. For they also built for themselves High ²³
Places, and images, and groves of Ashera, on every high
hill, and under every green tree. And there were also ²⁴
sodomites in the land; they did according to all the
abominations of the nations which Jehovah had cast out
before the children of Israel.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam ²⁵
[B.C. 932], that Shishak king of Lower Egypt came up
against Jerusalem. And he took away the treasures of the ²⁶
House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house;
he even took away all. And he took away all the shields
of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam ²⁷
made in their stead shields of copper, and committed them
unto the hands of the chief of the runners, who kept the
door of the king's house. And it was so whenever the king ²⁸
went into the house of Jehovah, that the Runners bare
them, and brought them back into the Runners' chamber.

Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he ²⁹
did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of
the kings of Judah? And there was war between Reho- ³⁰
boam and Jeroboam, all their days. And Rehoboam slept ³¹
with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city
of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammon-
ite woman. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead. —

Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of ¹
Nebat [B.C. 919] reigned ABIJAM over Judah. Three years ²
reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was
Maachah, the daughter of Absalom. And he walked in ³
all the sins of his father, which he had done before him:
and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, as the
heart of David his father. Nevertheless for David's sake ⁴
did Jehovah his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set
up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem; because ⁵
David did what was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and
turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him
all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah
the Hittite. And there was war between Rehoboam and ⁶
Jeroboam all the days of his life.

Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, ⁷
are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the
kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and
Jeroboam. And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they ⁸

buried him in the city of David ; and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

⁹ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel
¹⁰ [B.C. 917] reigned ASA over Judah. And forty and one
years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his [grand] mother's
¹¹ name was Maachah, the daughter of Absalom. And Asa did
what was right in the eyes of Jehovah, as David his father
¹² had done. And he took away the sodomites out of the land,
and removed all the filthy idols that his fathers had made.
¹³ And also Maachah his [grand] mother, even her he removed
from being queen, because she had made a frightful idol
to Ashera. And Asa destroyed her frightful idol, and
¹⁴ burnt it in the valley of the Kidron. But the High Places
were not removed. Nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect
¹⁵ with Jehovah all his days. And he brought in the things
which his father had made holy, and the things which
himself had made holy, into the House of Jehovah, silver,
and gold, and vessels.

¹⁶ And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of
¹⁷ Israel all their days. And Baasha king of Israel went up
against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer
¹⁸ any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa
took all the silver and the gold that were left in the trea-
sures of the House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the
king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his ser-
vants ; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of
Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who dwelt at
¹⁹ Damascus, saying, ' There is a league between me and thee,
' and between my father and thy father ; behold, I have
' sent to thee a present of silver and gold ; come and break
' thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart
²⁰ ' from me.' So Ben-hadad hearkened to king Asa, and sent
the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of
Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel near Beth-maa-
chah, and all Chinneroth [or Gennesaret], with all the land
²¹ of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard
thereof, that he left off building Ramah, and dwelt in Tir-
²² zah. Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all
Judah ; no one was exempted ; and they took away the
stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith
Baasha had builded ; and king Asa built with them Geba
of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

And NADAB the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 916], and he reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

And BAASHA the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam. He left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel to sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked Jehovah the God of Israel to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. In the third year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 915] began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty and four years. And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

Then the word of Jehovah came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 'Forasmuch as I raised thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him

‘ of Baasha that dieth in the city shall the dogs eat ; and
‘ him of his that dieth in the fields shall the fowls of the
‘ air eat.’

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and
his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chroni-
6 cles of the kings of Israel? So Baasha slept with his
fathers, and was buried in Tirzah ; and Elah his son
7 reigned in his stead. And also by the hand of the prophet
Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of Jehovah against
Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that
he did in the sight of Jehovah, in provoking him to anger
with the work of his hands, in being like the house of
Jeroboam, and because he smote it.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah
[B.C. 892] began ELAH the son of Baasha to reign over
9 Israel in Tirzah, for two years. And his servant Zimri,
captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he
was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of
10 Arza, who was over his house in Tirzah. And Zimri went
in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and
seventh year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 891], and he
11 reigned in his stead. And it came to pass when he began
to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all
the house of Baasha ; he left him not a man or boy, neither
12 of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. Thus did Zimri destroy
all the house of Baasha, according to the word of Jeho-
vah, which he spake against Baasha by the hand of Jehu
13 the prophet, for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of
Elah his son, which they sinned, and by which they made
Israel to sin, in provoking Jehovah the God of Israel to
14 anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of
Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the
Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel ?

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah
[B.C. 891] did ZIMRI reign for seven days in Tirzah. And
the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which be-
16 longed to the Philistines. And the people that were en-
camped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also
slain the king ; wherefore all Israel made Omri, the
captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.
7 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with
18 him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when

The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all ²³ that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried ²⁴ with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

And NADAB the son of Jeroboam began to reign over ²⁵ Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 916], and he reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in ²⁶ the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

And BAASHA the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, ²⁷ conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa ²⁸ king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass when he reigned, that he smote all ²⁹ the house of Jeroboam. He left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; because of the sins of Jeroboam ³⁰ which he sinned, and which he made Israel to sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked Jehovah the God of Israel to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and ³¹ all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of ³² Israel all their days. In the third year of Asa king of ³³ Judah [B.C. 915] began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty and four years. And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in ³⁴ the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

Then the word of Jehovah came to Jehu the son of ¹ Hanani against Baasha, saying, 'Forasmuch as I raised thee ² 'out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people 'Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and 'hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger 'with their sins; behold, I will take away the posterity of ³ 'Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy 'house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him ⁴

‘ of Baasha that dieth in the city shall the dogs eat ; and
‘ him of his that dieth in the fields shall the fowls of the
‘ air eat.’

⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and
his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chroni-
⁶ cles of the kings of Israel? So Baasha slept with his
fathers, and was buried in Tirzah ; and Elah his son
⁷ reigned in his stead. And also by the hand of the prophet
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he did in the sight of Jehovah, in provoking him to anger
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was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of
¹⁰ Arza, who was over his house in Tirzah. And Zimri went
in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and
seventh year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 891], and he
¹¹ reigned in his stead. And it came to pass when he began
to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all
the house of Baasha ; he left him not a man or boy, neither
¹² of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. Thus did Zimri destroy
all the house of Baasha, according to the word of Jeho-
vah, which he spake against Baasha by the hand of Jehu
¹³ the prophet, for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of
Elah his son, which they sinned, and by which they made
Israel to sin, in provoking Jehovah the God of Israel to
¹⁴ anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of
Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the
Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹⁵ In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah
[B.C. 891] did ZIMRI reign for seven days in Tirzah. And
the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which be-
¹⁶ longed to the Philistines. And the people that were en-
camped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also
slain the king ; wherefore all Israel made Omri, the
captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.
¹⁷ And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with
¹⁸ him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when

Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the strong tower of the king's house, and he burnt over himself the king's house with fire, and he died for his sins¹⁹ which he had sinned in doing evil in the eyes of Jehovah, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, in making Israel to sin. Now the rest of the acts²⁰ of Zimri, and his conspiracy that he made, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts²¹ [B.C. 891]. Half of the people followed TIBNI the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed OMRI. But²² the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath; and when Tibni died, then Omri reigned [alone], in the thirty and first²³ year of Asa king of Judah [B.C. 887].

OMRI reigned over Israel twelve years; six years he reigned in Tirzah, and then he bought the hill Samaria²⁴ from Shemer for two Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of Jeho-²⁵ vah, and did worse than all that were before him. For he²⁶ walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah the God of Israel to anger with their vanities. Now²⁷ the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Omri slept with his²⁸ fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah²⁹ [B.C. 880] began AHAB the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. And Ahab the son of³⁰ Omri did evil in the eyes of Jehovah above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light³¹ thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in³² the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And³³ Ahab made an image of Ashera; and Ahab did more to

provoke Jehovah the God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

¹⁴ In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho; *he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub*, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of Joshua—the son of Nun [Jos. vi. 26].

¹ And ELIJAH the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As Jehovah the God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor
² ‘rain these years, but according to my word.’ And the
³ word of Jehovah came to him, saying, ‘Get thee hence, ‘and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself in the valley of ‘the Cherith, that is before [or on the east side of] the
⁴ ‘Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the ‘brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee
⁵ ‘there.’ So he went and did according to the word of Jehovah; for he went and dwelt in the valley of the
⁶ Cherith, that is before the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
⁷ And it came to pass at last, that the brook dried up; because there had been no heavy rain in the land.

⁸ And the word of Jehovah came to him, saying. ‘Arise,
⁹ ‘get thee to Zarephath [or Sarepta], which belongeth to ‘Sidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow
¹⁰ ‘woman there to feed thee.’ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the entrance of the city, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks. And he called to her, and said, ‘Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in
¹¹ ‘a vessel, that I may drink.’ And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, ‘Bring me, I pray thee, a
¹² ‘morsel of bread in thy hand.’ And she said, ‘As Jehovah ‘thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal ‘in a pitcher, and a little oil in a cruse; and, behold, I am ‘gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for
¹³ ‘me and my son, that we may eat it and die.’ And Elijah said to her, ‘Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but ‘make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it out to
¹⁴ ‘me, and afterwards make for thee and for thy son. For ‘thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, The pitcher of ‘meal shall not be finished, neither shall the cruse of oil

‘fail, until the day that Jehovah sendeth heavy rain upon
 ‘the face of the earth.’ And she went and did according ¹⁵
 to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house,
 did eat for many days. And the pitcher of meal was not ¹⁶
 finished, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the
 word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of Elijah.

And it came to pass after these things, that the son of ¹⁷
 the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his
 sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.
 And she said to Elijah, ‘What have I to do with thee, ¹⁸
 ‘O thou man of God? Art thou come to me to call my
 ‘sins to remembrance, and to slay my son?’ And he said ¹⁹
 to her, ‘Give me thy son.’ And he took him out of her
 bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber, where
 he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried ²⁰
 to Jehovah, and said, ‘O Jehovah my God, hast thou
 ‘also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn,
 ‘to slay her son?’ And he stretched himself upon the ²¹
 child three times, and cried to Jehovah, and said, ‘O
 ‘Jehovah my God, I pray thee, let this child’s soul return
 ‘again into his body.’ And Jehovah hearkened to the ²²
 voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child returned into
 his body again, and he lived. And Elijah took the child, ²³
 and brought him down out of the upper chamber into the
 house, and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah
 said, ‘See, thy son liveth.’ And the woman said to Elijah, ²⁴
 ‘Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and
 ‘that the word of Jehovah in thy mouth is truth.’ —

And it came to pass after many days, that the word of ¹
 Jehovah came to Elijah in the third year, saying, ‘Go,
 ‘shew thyself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the
 ‘face of the earth.’ And Elijah went to shew himself to ²
 Ahab. And the famine was sore in Samaria. And Ahab ³
 called Obadiah, who was over his house. (Now Obadiah
 feared Jehovah greatly; for it was so, when Jezebel cut ⁴
 off the prophets of Jehovah, that Obadiah took a hundred
 prophets, and hid them by fifties in a cave, and fed them
 with bread and water.) And Ahab said to Obadiah, ⁵
 ‘Go
 ‘into the land, to all wells of water, and to all brooks;
 ‘peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and
 ‘mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.’ So they ⁶

divided the land between them to pass throughout it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 And as Obadiah was on the way, behold Elijah met him. And he knew him, and fell on his face, and said,
8 ‘Art thou then my lord Elijah?’ And he answered him,
9 ‘I am; go, tell thy lord, Elijah is here.’ And he said, ‘In
‘what have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant
10 ‘into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? As Jehovah thy God
‘liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord
‘hath not sent to seek thee. And when they said, He is
‘not here; he made the kingdom and nation to swear,
11 ‘that they had not found thee. And now thou sayest,
12 ‘Go, tell thy lord, Elijah is here. And it will come to
‘pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of
‘Jehovah will carry thee whither I know not; and so when
‘I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he will
‘slay me. But I thy servant fear Jehovah from my youth.
13 ‘Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew
‘the prophets of Jehovah, how I hid a hundred men of
‘Jehovah’s prophets by fifties in a cave, and fed them
14 ‘with bread and water? And now thou sayest, Go, tell
15 ‘thy lord, Elijah is here; and he will slay me.’ And Elijah
said, ‘As Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand,
16 ‘I will surely shew myself to him to-day.’ So Obadiah
went to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to
meet Elijah.

17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab
18 said to him, ‘Art thou he that troubleth Israel?’ And he
answered, ‘I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy
‘father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the command-
19 ‘ments of Jehovah, and thou hast followed Baal. Now
‘therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount
‘Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty,
‘and the prophets of the images of Ashera four hundred,
20 ‘who eat at Jezebel’s table.’ So Ahab sent among all the
children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to
21 mount Carmel. And Elijah drew nigh unto all the people,
and said, ‘How long halt ye between two opinions? If
‘Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow
22 ‘him.’ And the people answered him not a word. Then
said Elijah to the people, ‘I, one only, remain a prophet

‘of Jehovah; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred and
‘fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks. And ²³
‘let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in
‘pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire to it. And I
‘will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put
‘no fire to it. And call ye on the name of your gods, and ²⁴
‘I will call on the name of Jehovah. And the God that
‘answereth by fire, let him be God.’ And all the people
answered and said, ‘It is well spoken.’

And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, ‘Choose ye one ²⁵
‘bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many;
‘and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire to it.’
And they took the bullock which was given them, and ²⁶
they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morn-
ing even until noon, saying, ‘O Baal, answer us.’ But
there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped ²⁷
about upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass
at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, ‘Cry with a
‘loud voice, for he is a god. Either he is thinking, or he
‘hath stepped aside, or he is on a journey; or peradventure
‘he sleepeth, and must be awaked.’ And they cried with a ²⁸
loud voice, and cut themselves after their manner with
swords and spears, till the blood gushed out upon them.
And it came to pass, when mid-day was past, and they ²⁹
prophesied until the time of offering up the meal offering,
that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any
that regarded. And Elijah said to all the people, ‘Come ³⁰
‘near to me.’ And all the people came near to him. And
he repaired the altar of Jehovah that was broken down.
And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number ³¹
of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, (unto whom the word
of Jehovah had come, saying, *Israel shall be thy name*,) and ³²
with the stones he built the altar in the name of Jehovah.
And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would
contain two Seahs [or half a bushel] of seed. And he put ³³
the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid
it on the wood, and said, ‘Fill four pitchers with water,
‘and pour it on the burnt offering, and on the wood.’
And he said, ‘Do it the second time.’ And they did it the ³⁴
second time. And he said, ‘Do it the third time.’ And
they did it the third time. And the water ran round about ³⁵
the altar; and the trench also was filled with water. And ³⁶

it came to pass at the time of offering up the meal offering, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, 'O Jehovah, 'God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel. let it be known 'this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy 'servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.
37 'Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me, that this people may 'know that thou Jehovah art God, and do thou turn their
38 'heart back again.' Then the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the
39 trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces. And they said, 'Jehovah, he is God ; Jehovah, he
40 'is God.' And Elijah said to them, 'Seize the prophets of 'Baal ; let not a man of them escape.' And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the valley of the Kishon, and slew them there.

41 And Elijah said to Ahab, 'Get thee up, eat and drink ;
42 'for there is a sound of the noise of heavy rain.' So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel ; and he cast himself down upon the earth,
43 and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, 'Go up now, look toward the sea.' And he went up, and looked, and said, 'There is nothing whatever.' And he
44 said, 'Go again, seven times.' And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, 'Behold, there ariseth a little 'cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.' And he said, 'Go up, say to Ahab, Harness thy chariot, and get thee
45 'down, that the heavy rain stop thee not.' And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heavens were black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And
46 Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah ; and he girded up his loins, and ran -before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So let 'the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life 'as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.' And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the desert, and came and sat down under a broom tree.

And he asked for himself that he might die ; and he said, ' It is enough. Now, O Jehovah, take away my life ; for ' I am not better than my fathers.' And as he lay and slept ⁵ under the broom tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said to him, ' Arise and eat.' And he looked, and, ⁶ behold, a cake baked on the hearth and a cruse of water at his head-rest. And he did eat and drink, and laid himself down again. And the angel of Jehovah came again ⁷ the second time, and touched him, and said, ' Arise and ' eat ; because the journey is too great for thee.' And he ⁸ arose, and did eat and drink, and went on the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto the mount of God in Horeb.

And he came thither to a cave, and lodged there. And, ⁹ behold, the word of Jehovah came to him, and said to him, ' What doest thou here, Elijah ?' And he said, ' I ¹⁰ ' have been very jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts. ' For the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, ' thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the ' sword ; and I only am left ; and they seek my life, to take ' it away.' And he said, ' Go forth, and stand upon the ¹¹ ' mount before Jehovah.' And, behold, Jehovah passed by ; and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before Jehovah ; but Jehovah was not in the wind. And after the wind there was an earthquake ; but Jehovah was not in the earthquake. And after the ¹² earthquake there was a fire ; but Jehovah was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a still small voice. And ¹³ it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.

And, behold, the voice came to him, and said, ' What ' doest thou here, Elijah ?' And he said, ' I have been very ¹⁴ ' jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts. For the children ' of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine ' altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword ; and I only ' am left ; and they seek my life to take it away.' And ¹⁵ Jehovah said to him, ' Go, return on thy way to the desert ' of Damascus ; and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to ' be king over Syria. And Jehu the [grand] son of Nimshi ¹⁶ ' shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel ; and Elisha the ' son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be

¹⁷ ‘prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him
‘that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay; and
‘him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha
¹⁸ ‘slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all
‘whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and all whose
‘mouth hath not kissed him.’

¹⁹ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of
Shaphat, who was plowing; twelve yoke of oxen were
before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed
²⁰ over to him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left
the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, ‘Let me, I pray
‘thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will
‘follow thee.’ And he said to him, ‘Go, return; for
²¹ ‘what have I done to thee?’ And he returned back from
him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled
their flesh in the vessels of the oxen, and gave to the
people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after
—Elijah, and ministered unto him.

¹ And Ben-hadad [the IInd], the king of Syria, gathered
all his host together. And there were thirty and two kings
with him, and horses, and chariots. And he went up and
² besieged Samaria, and warred against it. And he sent mes-
sengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said to
³ him, ‘Thus saith Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold are
‘mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodli-
⁴ ‘est, are mine.’ And the king of Israel answered and said,
‘My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and
⁵ ‘all that I have.’ And the messengers came again, and
said, ‘Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, As I sent to thee,
‘saying, Thou shalt deliver to me thy silver, and thy gold,
⁶ ‘and thy wives, and thy children; so I will send my ser-
‘vants to thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall
‘search thy house, and the houses of thy servants; and it
‘shall be, that all that is pleasant in thine eyes, they
‘shall put it in their hand, and take it away.’

⁷ Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land,
and said, ‘Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh
‘mischief. For he sent to me for my wives, and for my
‘children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied
⁸ ‘him not.’ And all the elders and all the people said to
⁹ him, ‘Hearken not to him, nor consent.’ Therefore he
said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, ‘Tell my lord the

‘king, All that thou didst sent for to thy servant, at the
‘first I will do ; but this thing I may not do.’ And the
messengers departed ; and brought him word again. And ¹⁰
Ben-hahad sent to him, and said, ‘May the gods do so to
‘me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for
‘handfuls for all the people that follow me.’ And the king ¹¹
of Israel answered and said, ‘Tell him, Let not him that
‘girdeth on [his sword] boast himself as he that putteth it
‘off.’ And it came to pass, when [Ben-hadad] heard this ¹²
message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavi-
lion, that he said to his servants, ‘Set yourselves in array.’
And they set themselves in array against the city.

And, behold, there came a prophet to Ahab king of ¹³
Israel, saying, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou seen all this
‘great multitude ? Behold, I will deliver it into thy hand
‘this day ; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.’ And ¹⁴
Ahab said, ‘By means of whom ?’ And he said, ‘Thus saith
‘Jehovah, Even by the young men of the princes of the
‘provinces.’ Then he said, ‘Who shall begin the battle ?’
And he answered, ‘Thou.’ Then he mustered the young ¹⁵
men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two
hundred and thirty-two. And after them he mustered all
the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thou-
sand. And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was ¹⁶
drinking himself drunk in the pavilion, he and the kings,
the thirty and two kings that helped him. And the young ¹⁷
men of the princes of the provinces went out first. And
Ben-hadad sent out ; and they told him, saying, ‘There are
‘men come out of Samaria.’ And he said, ‘Whether they ¹⁸
‘be come out for peace, take them alive ; or whether they
‘be come out for war, take them alive.’ So these young ¹⁹
men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city,
also the army which followed them, And they slew every ²⁰
one his man. And the Syrians fled ; and Israel pursued
them. And Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a
horse with the horsemen. And the king of Israel went out, ²¹
and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians
with a great slaughter.

And the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and ²²
said to him, ‘Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see
‘what thou doest. For at the return of the year the king
‘of Syria will come up against thee.’

And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, 'Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but if we fight against them on level ground, shall we not be stronger than they? And do this thing. Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put Pashas [or governors] in their room. And prepare for thyself an army, like the army that fell away from thee, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. And we will fight against them on level ground, and shall we not be stronger than they?' And he hearkened to their voice, and did so.

And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them. And the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country. And there came a man of God, and spake to the king of Israel, and said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thy hand, and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.' And they encamped one opposite the other for seven days. And so it was, that on the seventh day the battle was joined. And the children of Israel slew of the Syrians a hundred thousand men on foot in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left.

And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber. And his servants said to him, 'Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes round our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; peradventure he will save thy life.' So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes round their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, 'Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live.' And he said, 'Is he yet alive? He is my brother.' Now the men did watch for an omen, and did hasten to learn for certain whether it was from him. And they said, 'Thy brother Ben-hadad.' Then he said, 'Go ye, bring him.' Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. And [Ben-hadad] said to him, 'The

‘cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make highways for thee into Damascus, as my father made into Samaria.’ Then [said Ahab], ‘I will send thee away with this covenant.’ So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbour by the word of Jehovah, ‘Smite me, I pray thee.’ And the man refused to smite him. Then said he to him, ‘Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee.’ And as soon as he was departed from near him, a lion found him, and slew him. Then he found another man, and said, ‘Smite me, I pray thee.’ And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with a covering upon his eyes. And as the king passed by, he cried to the king, and he said, ‘Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man. If by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a Kikar [or hundred-weight] of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone.’ And the king of Israel said to him, ‘So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.’ And he hastened, and took the covering away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was one of the prophets. And [the prophet] said to him, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I had appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.’ And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and troubled, and came to Samaria. —

And it came to pass after these things, that NABOTH THE JEZREELITE had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake to Naboth, saying, ‘Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near to my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in silver.’ And Naboth said to Ahab, ‘It were wrong in me before Jehovah, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to thee.’ And Ahab came into his house heavy

and troubled because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him ; for he had said, ‘ I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers.’ And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, ‘ Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread ?’

⁶ And he said to her, ‘ Because I spake to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me thy vineyard for money ; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it. And he answered, I will not give thee my

⁷ ‘ vineyard.’ And Jezebel his wife said to him, ‘ Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel ? Arise, and eat bread, and let thy heart be merry ; I will give thee the vineyard

⁸ ‘ of Naboth the Jezreelite.’ So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles that were in his city,

⁹ dwelling with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, ‘ Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the

¹⁰ ‘ people. And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst bless [or

¹¹ ‘ curse] God and the king. And then put him forth, and stone him, that he may die.’ And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants

¹² in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. They

¹³ proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And there came in two men, sons of Belial, and sat before him. And the men of Belial witnessed against

Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, ‘ Naboth did bless [or curse] God and the king.’ Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that

¹⁴ he died. Then they sent to Jezebel saying, ‘ Naboth is stoned, and is dead.’

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, ‘ Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money ; for Na-

¹⁶ ‘ both is not alive but dead.’ And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, ¹ saying, 'Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who ¹¹ 'is in Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, 'whither he is gone down to possess it. And thou shalt ¹⁶ 'speak to him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou murdered, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak 'to him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, In the place where 'the dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall the dogs lick 'thy blood, even thine.' And Ahab said to Elijah, 'Hast ²⁰ 'thou found me, O mine enemy?' And he answered, 'I 'have found thee. Because thou hast sold thyself to work 'evil in the sight of Jehovah, behold, I will bring evil ²¹ 'upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut 'off from Ahab every man and boy, whether bondsman 'or free in Israel, and I will make thy house like the ²² 'house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house 'of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation where- 'with thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel 'to sin.' And of Jezebel also spake Jehovah, saying, 'The ²³ 'dogs shall eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel. Him of ²⁴ 'Ahab that dieth in the city the dogs shall eat; and him 'that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.' (But ²⁵ there was none like Ahab, who did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of Jehovah, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following filthy idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Jehovah had cast out before the children of Israel.) And ²⁷ it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and walked slowly.

And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, ²⁸ saying, 'Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before ²⁹ 'me? Because he humbleth himself before me, I will not 'bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I 'bring the evil upon his house.' —

AND THEY CONTINUED three years without war between ¹ Syria and Israel. And it came to pass in the third year, ² that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to [Ahab] the king of Israel. And the king of Israel said to his servants, ³ 'Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and are we still, 'and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?' And he said to Jehoshaphat, 'Wilt thou go with me to ⁴

‘battle to Ramoth in Gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, ‘I am as thou art, my people as thy
5 ‘people, my horses as thy horses.’ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, ‘Inquire, I pray thee, at the word
‘of Jehovah to-day.’

3 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, ‘Shall I go
‘against Ramoth in Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?’ And they said, ‘Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into
7 ‘the hand of the king.’ And Jehoshaphat said, ‘Is there
‘not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might
3 ‘inquire of him?’ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, ‘There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire
‘of Jehovah. But I hate him; for he doth not prophesy
‘good concerning me, but evil. He is Micaiah the son of
‘Imlah.’ And Jehoshaphat said, ‘Let not the king say
9 ‘so.’ Then the king of Israel called a chamberlain, and said, ‘Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.’

3 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria;
1 and all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron. And he said, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, With these shalt thou
2 ‘push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.’ And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, ‘Go up to Ramoth
‘in Gilead, and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into
‘the king’s hand.’

3 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, ‘Behold now, the words of the prophets
‘speak good to the king with one mouth. Let thy word,
‘I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak
1 ‘thou good.’ And Micaiah said, ‘As Jehovah liveth, what
‘Jehovah saith to me that will I speak.’

3 So he came to the king. And the king said to him, ‘Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth in Gilead to battle,
‘or shall we forbear?’ And he answered him, ‘Go, and
‘prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the
3 ‘king.’ And the king said to him, ‘How many times
‘shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but what is
7 ‘true in the name of Jehovah?’ And he said, ‘I saw all
‘Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a

‘shepherd. And Jehovah said, These have no master ; let
 ‘them return every man to his house in peace.’ And the ¹⁸
 king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, ‘Did I not tell thee
 ‘that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil ?
 And [Micaiah] said, ‘Hear thou therefore the word of ¹⁹
 ‘Jehovah. I saw Jehovah sitting on his throne, and all
 ‘the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and
 ‘on his left. And Jehovah said, Who will entice Ahab, ²⁰
 ‘that he may go up and fall at Ramoth in Gilead ? And
 ‘one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.
 ‘And there came forth a Spirit, and stood before Jehovah, ²¹
 ‘and said, I will entice him. And Jehovah said to him, ²²
 ‘Wherewith ? And he said, I will go forth and I will be
 ‘a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he
 ‘said, Thou shalt entice him, and prevail also ; go forth,
 ‘and do so. Now, therefore, behold, Jehovah hath put a ²³
 ‘lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets ; and
 ‘Jehovah hath spoken evil concerning thee.’ But Zedekiah ²⁴
 the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the
 cheek, and said, ‘Which way went the spirit of Jehovah
 ‘from me to speak to thee ?’ And Micaiah said, ‘Behold, ²⁵
 ‘thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an
 ‘inner chamber to hide thyself.’ And the king of Israel ²⁶
 said, ‘Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the
 ‘governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son ; and ²⁷
 ‘say, Thus saith the king, Put this man in the prison, and
 ‘feed him with the bread of affliction and with the water of
 ‘affliction, until I come in safety.’ And Micaiah said, ‘If ²⁸
 ‘thou return at all in safety, Jehovah hath not spoken by
 ‘me.’ (And he said, ‘Hear, O ye peoples, every one of
 ‘you.’)

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah ²⁹
 went up to Ramoth in Gilead. And the king of Israel ³⁰
 said to Jehoshaphat, that he would disguise himself and
 enter into the battle, ‘But put thou on thy robes.’ And
 the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the
 battle. And the king of Syria commanded his thirty and ³¹
 two captains of his chariots, saying, ‘Fight neither with
 ‘small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.’ And ³²
 it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw
 Jehoshaphat, that they said, ‘Surely it is the king of
 ‘Israel.’ And they turned aside to fight against him. And

33 Jehoshaphat cried out. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the shoulder joints and the breastplate; wherefore he said to the driver of his chariot, 'Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the host;

35 'for I am wounded.' And the battle increased that day. And the king was propped up in his chariot in face of the Syrians, and died at evening; and the blood ran out of

36 the wound into the hollow of the chariot. And there went a cry throughout the camp about the going down of the sun, saying, 'Every man to his city, and every

37 'man to his own country.' So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Sama-

38 ria. And the chariot was washed in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and the harlots washed in it; according to the word of Jehovah which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chroni-

40 cles of the kings of Israel? So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And JEHOSEPHAT the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel [B.C. 877].

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusa-

43 lem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of Jehovah. Nevertheless the High Places were not

44 taken away; for the people sacrificed and burnt incense yet on the High Places. And Jehoshaphat remained at peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the Sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom; a [Jewish] officer

48 reigned. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold. But they went not; for the ships were

wrecked at Ezion-geber. Then said Ahaziah the son of⁴⁹
 Ahab to Jehoshaphat, 'Let my servants go with thy ser-
 vants in the ships.' But Jehoshaphat would not. And⁵⁰
 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with
 his fathers in the city of David his father [B.C. 853];
 and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

AHAZIAH the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in⁵¹
 Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of
 Judah [B.C. 861], and reigned two years over Israel:
 And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in⁵²
 the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and
 in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made
 Israel to sin; for he served Baal, and worshipped him,⁵³
 and provoked to anger Jehovah the God of Israel, ac-
 cording to all that his father had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

THEN Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of¹
 Ahab.

And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper²
 chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick. And he sent
 messengers, and said to them, 'Go, inquire of Baal-zebub
 the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this sickness.'
 But the angel of Jehovah said to Elijah the Tishbite,³
 'Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of
 Samaria, and say to them, Is it because there is not a
 God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the
 god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith Jehovah, Thou⁴
 shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art
 gone up, but shalt surely die.' And Elijah departed.

And when the messengers returned to him [the king],⁵
 he said to them, 'Why now are ye returned?' And they⁶
 said to him, 'There came a man up to meet us, and said
 to us, Go, turn again to the king who sent you, and
 say to him, Thus saith Jehovah, Is it because there is
 not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-
 zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore thou shalt not come
 down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but
 shalt surely die.' And he said to them, 'What manner⁷
 of man was he that came up to meet you, and told you

⁸ ‘these words?’ And they answered him, ‘He was a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins.’ And he said, ‘It is Elijah the Tishbite.’

⁹ Then [the king] sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him ; and, behold, he sat on the top of the hill. And he spake to him, ‘Thou man of God,
¹⁰ ‘the king hath said, Come down.’ And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, ‘If I be a man of God, ‘then shall fire come down from heaven, and consume ‘thee and thy fifty.’ And there came down fire from heaven, and it consumed him and his fifty.

¹¹ Again also he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, ‘O man of
¹² ‘God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.’ And Elijah answered and said to them, ‘If I be a man of God, ‘fire shall come down from heaven, and consume thee and ‘thy fifty.’ And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

¹³ And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said to him, ‘O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and
‘the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy
¹⁴ ‘sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and ‘consumed the two captains of the former fifties with ‘their fifties ; therefore let my life now be precious in thy
¹⁵ ‘sight.’ And the angel of Jehovah said to Elijah, ‘Go ‘down with him ; be not afraid of him.’

And he arose, and went down with him to the king.
¹⁶ And he said to him, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, Forasmuch as ‘thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the ‘god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to ‘inquire of his word ? Therefore thou shalt not come down ‘off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely
¹⁷ ‘die.’ So he died according to the word of Jehovah which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram [his brother] reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, because he had no son. Now the
¹⁸ rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not —written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹ And it came to pass, when Jehovah would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha

from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tarry here, I²
'pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to Beth-el.' And
Elisha said, 'As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I
'will not leave thee.' So they went down to Beth-el. And³
the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth
to Elisha, and they said to him, 'Knowest thou that Je-
'hovah will take up thy master above thy head to-day?'
And he said, 'Yea, I know it. Hold ye your peace.' And⁴
Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for
'Jehovah hath sent me to Jericho.' And he said, 'As
'Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave
'thee.' So they came to Jericho.

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came⁵
to Elisha, and said to him, 'Knowest thou that Jehovah
'will take up thy master above thy head to-day?' And he
answered, 'Yea, I know it. Hold ye your peace.' And⁶
Elijah said to him, 'Tarry, I pray thee, here; for Jehovah
'hath sent me to the Jordan.' And he said, 'As Jehovah
'liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.' And
they two went on.

And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and⁷
stood within sight afar off; and they two stood by the Jor-
dan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together,⁸
and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and
thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that⁹
Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask what I shall do for thee, before
'I be taken up away from thee.' And Elisha said, 'I pray¹⁰
'thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.' And
he said, 'Thou hast asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if
'thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so
'unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.' And it came¹¹
to pass, as they went on walking, and talked, that, behold,
there came a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted
them both asunder. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind
into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, 'My father,¹²
'my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.'
And he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own
clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also¹³
the mantle of Elijah that fell from him. And he went
back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan; and he took the¹⁴
mantle of Elijah that fell from him, when he smote the

waters, and said, 'Where is Jehovah the God of Elijah?' And he also smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither; and Elisha went over.

And when the sons of the prophets who were within sight at Jericho saw him, they said, 'The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.' And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. And they said to him, 'Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty men, sons of strength; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master; lest peradventure the spirit of Jehovah hath taken him up, and cast him on some mountain, or into some valley.' And he said, 'Ye shall not send.' And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, 'Send.' They sent therefore fifty men. And they sought for three days, but found him not. And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said to them, 'Did I not say to you, Go not?'

And the men of the city said to Elisha, 'Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth; but the waters are bad, and the ground barren.' And he said, 'Bring me a new dish, and put salt therein.' And they brought it to him. And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barrenness.' So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

And he went up from thence to Beth-el. And as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said to him, 'Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.' And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of Jehovah. And there came forth two she bears out of the forest, and tore in pieces forty and two children of them. And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and—from thence he returned to Samaria.

Now JEHOHAM the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah [B.C. 860], and reigned twelve years. And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah; only not like his father, or like his mother. For he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. Nevertheless he cleaved to the

sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin ; he departed not therefrom.

Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep master, and rendered to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and the wool of a hundred thousand rams. But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at the same time, and mustered all Israel. And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, 'The king of Moab hath rebelled against me. Wilt thou go with me against the Moabites to battle?' And he said, 'I will go up ; I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.' And he said, 'Which way shall we go up?' And he answered, 'The way through the desert of Edom.' So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom. And they went round about for a seven days' journey ; and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. And the king of Israel said, 'Alas ! that Jehovah hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of the Moabites !' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah, that we may inquire of Jehovah by him?' And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, 'Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah.' And Jehoshaphat said, 'The word of Jehovah is with him.' So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. And Elisha said to the king of Israel, 'What have I to do with thee? Get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother.' And the king of Israel said to him, 'Nay ; for Jehovah hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of the Moabites.' And Elisha said, as Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. But now bring me a minstrel.' And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of Jehovah came upon him. And he said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain ; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your

8 'beasts. And this is but a light thing in the eyes of Je-
'hovah; he will also deliver the Moabites into your
9 'hand. And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every
'choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all
'wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with
'stones.'

10 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meal
offering was offered up, that, behold, there came water by
the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.
11 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were
come up to fight against them, they called together all
that were able to wear a belt, and upward; and they
12 stood at the boundary. And they rose up early in the
morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the
Moabites who were within sight saw the waters as red as
13 blood. And they said, 'This is blood. The kings are
'surely slain, and they have smitten one another. Now
14 'therefore, Moabites, to the spoil.' And when they came
to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the
Moabites, so that they fled before them. And they went
15 forward there smiting the Moabites. And they beat down
the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man
his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of
water, and felled all the good trees; until in Kir-hareseth
they left only the stones thereof. Howbeit the slingers
16 went about it, and smote it. And when the king of Moab
saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him
seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through
17 unto the king of Edom; but they could not. But he took
his [the king of Edom's] eldest son that should have reigned
in his stead, and offered him up for a burnt offering upon the
wall. And there came great indignation over Israel. And
—they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

1 NOW THERE CRIED a certain woman of the wives of the
sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, 'Thy servant my
'husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did
'fear Jehovah. And the creditor is come to take unto
2 'him my two sons to be bond-servants.' And Elisha said
to her, 'What shall I do for thee? Tell me, what hast
'thou in the house?' And she said, 'Thy handmaid hath
3 'not anything in the house, save a pot of oil.' Then he
said, 'Go, borrow for thyself vessels abroad of all thy

‘neighbours, even empty vessels. Let them not be few.
 ‘And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door 4
 ‘upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all
 ‘those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.’
 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and 5
 upon her sons, who carried to her while she poured out.
 And it came to pass when the vessels were full, that she 6
 said to her son, ‘Bring me yet a vessel.’ And he said to
 her, ‘There is not a vessel more.’ And the oil stayed.
 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, 7
 ‘Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy
 ‘children on the rest.’

AND IT FELL ON A DAY, that Elisha passed to Shunem, 8
 where was a great woman ; and she constrained him to
 eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he
 turned in thither to eat bread. And she said to her hus- 9
 band, ‘Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of
 ‘God, who passeth by us continually. Let us make a 10
 ‘little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall ; and let us set
 ‘for him there a bed, and a table, and a chair, and a lamp-
 ‘stand. And it may be, when he cometh to us, that he
 ‘will turn in thither,’ And it fell on a day, that he came 11
 thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
 And he said to Gehazi his servant, ‘Call this Shunemite.’ 12
 And when he had called her, she stood before him. And 13
 he said to him, ‘Say now to her, Behold, thou hast been
 ‘over careful for us with all this care ; what is to be done
 ‘for thee ? Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or
 ‘to the captain of the host ?’ And she answered, ‘I dwell
 ‘among mine own people.’ And he said, ‘What then is 14
 ‘to be done for her ?’ And Gehazi answered, ‘Verily she
 ‘hath no child, and her husband is old.’ And he said, 15
 ‘Call her.’ And when he had called her, she stood in the
 doorway. And he said, ‘About the set season, according 16
 ‘to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son.’ And she
 said, ‘Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thy
 ‘handmaid.’ And the woman conceived, and bare a son 17
 at the set season that Elisha had said unto her according
 to the time of life.

And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that 18
 he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said to 19
 his father, ‘My head, my head.’ And he said to a lad,

²⁰ 'Carry him to his mother.' And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till
²¹ noon, and then died. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him,
²² and went out. And she called to her husband, and said, 'Send to me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one
'of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and
²³ 'come again.' And he said, 'Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' And
²⁴ she said, 'It shall be well.' Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, 'Drive, and go forward; slack not
²⁵ 'thy riding for me, except I bid thee.' So she went and came to the man of God at mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, 'Behold that is the Shunemite. Run, now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say to
'her, Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?' And she answered, 'It is
²⁶ 'well.' And when she came to the man of God to the mountain, she caught him by his feet. But Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, 'Let
'her alone; for her soul is vexed within her. And Jehovah hath hidden it from me, and hath not told me.'
²⁷ Then she said, 'Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not
²⁸ 'say, Do not deceive me?' Then he said to Gehazi, 'Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go
'thy way. If thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again. And lay my
²⁹ 'staff upon the face of the child.' And the mother of the child said, 'As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I
³⁰ 'will not leave thee.' And he arose and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor attention. Therefore he returned to meet him, and told him,
³¹ saying, 'The child is not awaked.' And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and
³² laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the
³³ door upon them twain, and prayed to Jehovah. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands. And he stretched himself upon
³⁴ him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he
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returned, and walked in the house to and fro ; and went up, and stretched himself upon him ; and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi, and said, ‘Call this Shunemite.’ So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, ‘Take up thy son.’ Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

AND ELISHA CAME again to Gilgal ; and there was a famine in the land ; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. And he said to his servant, ‘Set on the great pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets.’ And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full ; and he came and cut them up into the pot of pottage. For they knew them not. So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, ‘O thou man of God, there is death in the pot.’ And they could not eat thereof. But he said, ‘Then bring meal.’ And he cast it into the pot ; and he said, ‘Pour out for the people, that they may eat.’ And there was nothing evil in the pot.

And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought to the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and ripe ears of corn in his bag. And he said, ‘Give to the people that they may eat.’ And his serving man said, ‘What? Should I set this before a hundred men?’ He said again, ‘Give to the people, that they may eat ; for thus saith Jehovah, They shall eat, and shall have to spare.’ So he set it before them, and they did eat, and had to spare according to the word of Jehovah.—

NOW NAAMAN, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his lord, and honourable, because by him Jehovah had given deliverance to Syria. But this warrior of valour was a leper. And the Syrians had gone out in troops, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid ; and she waited on Naaman’s wife. And she said to her mistress, ‘I wish that my master were with the prophet that is in Samaria ; for he would recover him of his leprosy.’ And [Naaman] went in and told his lord, saying, ‘Thus and thus said

⁵ ‘the maid that is of the land of Israel.’ And the king of Syria said, ‘Go to, go, and I will send a letter to the king ‘of Israel.’ And he departed, and took with him ten Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, and six thousand pieces of ⁶ gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he brought to the king of Israel the letter, which said, ‘Now when this ‘letter is come to thee, behold, I have herewith sent Naa- ‘man my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of ⁷ ‘his leprosy.’ And it came to pass when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes and said, ‘Am ‘I God, to kill and to make alive, that this one doth send ‘to me to recover a man of his leprosy? Therefore ‘consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel ‘against me.’

⁸ And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, ‘Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? ‘Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there ⁹ ‘is a prophet in Israel.’ So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house ¹⁰ of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh ¹¹ ‘shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.’ But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, ‘Behold, I ‘said to myself, He will surely come out, and stand, and ‘call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand ¹² ‘over the place and recover the leper. Are not Amana and ‘Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of ‘Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean.’ So he ¹³ turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake to him, and said, ‘My father, if the pro- ‘phet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou ‘not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith ¹⁴ ‘to thee, Wash, and be clean?’ Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and stood before him. And he said, ‘Be- ‘hold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, ‘but in Israel. Now, therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing ¹⁶ ‘[or present] from thy servant.’ But he said, ‘As Jehovah

‘liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none.’ And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman¹⁷ said, ‘Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy ‘servant two mules’ burden of earth? For thy servant ‘will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice ‘unto other gods, but unto Jehovah. In this thing may¹⁸ ‘Jehovah pardon thy servant, that when my lord goeth ‘into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he lean- ‘eth on my hand, I also bow myself in the house of Rim- ‘mon. When I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, ‘may Jehovah pardon thy servant in this thing.’ And he¹⁹ said to him, ‘Go in peace.’ So he departed from him a little way.

But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said,²⁰ ‘Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in ‘not receiving at his hands that which he brought. But ‘as Jehovah liveth, I will run after him, and take some- ‘what from him.’ So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And²¹ when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, ‘Is all well?’ And he said, ‘All is well. My master hath sent me, say-²² ‘ing, Behold, even now there are come to me from the hill ‘country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the ‘prophets; give them I pray thee, a Kikar of silver, and ‘two changes of garments.’ And Naaman said, ‘Be pleased²³ ‘to take two Kikars.’ And he pressed him, and bound two Kikars of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. And when he came to the mount,²⁴ he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house. And he sent away the men; and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha²⁵ said to him, ‘Whence comest thou, Gehazi?’ And he said, ‘Thy servant went no whither.’ And he said to him,²⁶ ‘My mind was not absent when the man turned again ‘from his chariot to meet thee. Is it a time to receive ‘silver, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vine- ‘yards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and maid- ‘servants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave²⁷ ‘to thee, and to thy seed for ever.’ And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow. --

AND THE SONS OF THE PROPHETS said to Elisha, ‘Behold¹

‘now, the place where we dwell with thee is too small for
 2 ‘us. Let us go, we pray thee, to the Jordan, and take
 ‘thence every man a beam, and let us make for our-
 ‘selves a place there, where we may dwell.’ And he an-
 3 swered ‘Go ye.’ And one said, ‘Be pleased, I pray thee,
 ‘to go with thy servants.’ And he answered, ‘I will go.’
 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jor-
 5 dan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam,
 he let fall the axe head into the water. And he cried, and
 6 said, ‘Alas, master!’ for it was borrowed. And the man
 of God said, ‘Where fell it?’ And he shewed him the
 place. And he cut a stick, and cast it in thither; and it
 7 made the iron to swim. And he said, ‘Take it up to thee.’
 And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 THEN THE KING OF SYRIA warred against Israel, and took
 counsel with his servants, saying, ‘In such and such a
 9 ‘place shall be my camp.’ And the man of God sent to the
 king of Israel, saying, ‘Beware that thou pass not such a
 10 ‘place; for thither the Syrians are come down.’ And the
 king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God had
 told him and warned him of, and took heed there, not
 once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled
 for this thing; and he called his servants, and said to
 them, ‘Will ye not shew me who that belongeth to us is
 12 ‘for the king of Israel?’ And one of his servants said,
 ‘None, my lord, O king. But Elisha, the prophet that is
 ‘in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou
 13 ‘speakest in thy bed-chamber.’ And he said, ‘Go and see
 ‘where he is, that I may send and fetch him.’ And it was
 14 told him, saying, ‘Behold, he is in Dothan.’ Therefore sent
 he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host; and they
 15 came by night, and encompassed the city about. And when
 the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone
 forth, behold, a host encompassed the city both with horses
 and chariots. And his servant said to him, ‘Alas, my
 16 ‘master! how shall we do?’ And he answered, ‘Fear not;
 ‘for they that are with us are more than they that are with
 17 ‘them.’ And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘O Jehovah, I pray
 ‘thee, open his eyes, that he may see.’ And Jehovah
 opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw. And,

behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

And when [the Syrians] came down to him, Elisha prayed ¹⁸ to Jehovah and said, 'Smite this nation, I pray thee, 'with blindness.' And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. Then Elisha said to them, ¹⁹ 'This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, 'and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek.' But he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they ²⁰ were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, 'O Jehovah, open 'the eyes of these men, that they may see.' And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. And the king of Israel said to ²¹ Elisha, when he saw them, 'My father, shall I smite them? 'Shall I smite them?' And he answered, 'Thou shalt not ²² 'smite them. Wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast 'taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? Set 'bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, 'and may go to their master.' And he prepared great pro- ²³ vision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the troops of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

AND IT CAME TO PASS after this, that Ben-Hadad [the ²⁴ Hind] king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in ²⁵ Samaria. And behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a Cab [or three pints] of herb Dove's-dung for five pieces of silver. And as the king of Israel was passing by upon ²⁶ the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, 'Help, my lord, O king.' And he said, 'If Jehovah do not help ²⁷ 'thee, whence shall I help thee? Out of the barnfloor, or 'out of the winepress?' And the king said to her, 'What ²⁸ 'aileth thee?' And she answered, 'This woman said to me, 'Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will 'eat my son to-morrow. So we boiled my son, and did ²⁹ 'eat him. And I said to her on the next day, Give thy 'son, that we may eat him. And she hath hid her son.'

And it came to pass when the king heard the words of ³⁰ the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sack-cloth within upon his flesh. Then he said, 'God do so and ³¹

‘more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat
32 ‘shall stand on him this day.’ But Elisha sat in his house,
and the elders sat with him. And [the king] sent a man
from before him ; but ere the messenger came to him, he
said to the elders, ‘See ye how this son of a murderer hath
‘sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger
‘cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door.
‘Is not the sound of his master’s feet behind him?’

3 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the mes-
senger came down to him. And he said, ‘Behold, this evil
— is from Jehovah ; why should I tarry for Jehovah any
1 ‘longer?’ Then Elisha said, ‘Hear ye the word of Jeho-
‘vah. Thus saith Jehovah, To-morrow about this time
‘shall a Seah [or two gallons] of fine flour be sold for a
‘Shekel [or two shillings], and two Seahs of barley for a
12 ‘Shekel, at the city gate of Samaria.’ Then the chief-of-
three [or chariot warrior], on whose hand the king leaned,
answered the man of God, and said, ‘Behold, even if
‘Jehovah would make windows in the heavens, could this
‘thing be?’ And he said, ‘Behold, thou shalt see it with
‘thine eyes, but thou shalt not eat thereof.’

3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of
the city gate ; and they said one to another, ‘Why sit we
4 ‘here until we die? If we say, we will enter into the city,
‘then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there ;
‘and if we sit still here we die also. Now therefore come,
‘and let us desert to the camp of the Syrians. If they
‘save us alive, we shall live ; and if they kill us, we shall
5 ‘but die.’ And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the
camp of the Syrians. And when they were come to the
uttermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there
6 was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the
Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses,
even the noise of a great host ; and they said one to
another, ‘Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the
‘kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to
7 ‘come upon us.’ Therefore they arose and fled in the twi-
light, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses,
8 even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. And when
these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp they
went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried
thence silver, and gold and raiment, and went and hid it.

And they came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said⁹ one to another, 'We do not do right. This day is a day 'of good tidings, and we hold our peace. If we tarry till 'the morning light, we shall get some punishment. Now 'therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's house- 'hold.' So they came and called to the gate-keeper of the¹⁰ city. And they told them, saying, 'We came to the camp 'of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there. 'neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and 'the tents as they were.' And he called the gate-keepers;¹¹ and they told it to the king's house within.

And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants,¹² 'Let me now show you what the Syrians have done to us. 'They know that we suffer hunger; therefore are they 'gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, say- 'ing, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them 'alive, and get into the city.' And one of his servants¹³ answered and said, 'Let some take, I pray thee, five of 'the horses that remain, which are left here, (behold, they 'that are consumed are as all the multitude of the 'Israelites,) and let us send and see.' They took there-¹⁴ fore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, 'Go and see.' And they¹⁵ went after them unto the Jordan. And lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their hasty flight. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

And the people went out, and plundered the camp of¹⁶ the Syrians. So a Seah of fine flour was sold for a Shekel, and two Seahs of barley for a Shekel, according to the word of Jehovah. And the king appointed the chief-of-¹⁷ three on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the city gate. But the people trod upon him in the city gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. And it came to pass as the¹⁸ man of God had spoken to the king, saying, 'Two Seahs 'of barley for a Shekel, and a Seah of fine flour for a Shekel, 'shall be to-morrow about this time at the city gate of 'Samaria.' And that chief-of-three had answered the man¹⁹ of God, and said, 'Now, behold, even if Jehovah should 'make windows in the heavens, could such a thing be?

And he said, 'Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not eat thereof.' And so it fell out unto him. For the people trod upon him at the city gate, and he died.

Then spake Elisha to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, 'Arise, and go thou and thy household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn; for Jehovah hath called for a famine; and it will also come upon the land seven years.' And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines for seven years. And it came to pass, at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines. And she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her field. And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, 'Recount to me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.' And it came to pass, as he was recounting to the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, 'My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.' And when the king asked the woman, she recounted it to him. So the king appointed unto her a certain chamberlain, saying, 'Restore all that was hers, and all the increase of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.'

And Elisha came to Damascus. And Ben-Hadad the king of Syria was sick. And it was told him, saying, 'A man of God is come hither.' And the king said to Hazael, 'Take a present in thy hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of Jehovah by him, saying, Shall I recover from this sickness?' So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present in his hand, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, 'Thy son Ben-Hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover from this sickness?' And Elisha said to him, 'Go, say to him, Thou shalt certainly recover. Howbeit Jehovah hath shewed me that he shall certainly die.' And he set his countenance and settled it, until he was ashamed. And the man of God wept. And Hazael said, 'Why weepeth

‘my lord?’ And he answered, ‘Because I know the evil
 ‘that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel. Their
 ‘strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men
 ‘wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash to pieces
 ‘their babes, and rip up their women with child.’ And ¹³
 Hazael said, ‘But what, is thy servant a dog, that he
 ‘should do this great thing?’ And Elisha answered, ‘Jeho-
 ‘vah hath showed me that thou wilt be king over Syria.’
 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his lord; who ¹⁴
 said to him, ‘What said Elisha to thee?’ And he answered,
 ‘He told me that thou shouldst certainly recover.’ And ¹⁵
 it came to pass on the morrow, that [Hazael] took a thick
 cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so
 that he died; and Hazael reigned in his stead.

And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of ¹⁶
 Israel [B.C. 868], while Jehoshaphat was yet king of Judah,
 JEHORAM the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to
 reign. Thirty and two years old was he when he began to ¹⁷
 reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he ¹⁸
 walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house
 of Ahab; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife, and he
 did evil in the sight of Jehovah. Yet Jehovah would not ¹⁹
 destroy Judah for David his servant’s sake, as he promised
 him to give to him always a lamp, and to his children.

In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, ²⁰
 and made a king over themselves. So Joram went over to ²¹
 Zair, and all the chariots with him. And he rose by night,
 and smote the Edomites who encompassed him about, and
 the captains of the chariots. But the people fled to their
 tents. And Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah ²²
 unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.
 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are ²³
 they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings
 of Judah? And Joram slept with his fathers, and was ²⁴
 buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Ahaziah
 his son reigned in his stead.

In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of ²⁵
 Israel [B.C. 849] did AHAZIAH the son of Jehoram king
 of Judah begin to reign. Two and twenty years old was ²⁶
 Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year
 in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Athaliah, the
 [grand] daughter of Omri king of Israel. And he walked ²⁷

in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of Jehovah, as did the house of Ahab, for he was a son in law of the house of Ahab. And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth in Gilead. And the Syrians wounded Joram. And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramoth, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, 'Gird up thy loins and take this vial of oil in thy hand, and go to Ramoth in Gilead. And when thou comest thither, look out there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi; and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber. Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed thee to be king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.'

So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth in Gilead. And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, 'I have an errand to thee, O captain.' And Jehu said, 'Unto which of us all?' And he said, 'To thee, O Captain.' And he arose, and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, I have anointed thee to be king over the people of Jehovah, even over Israel. And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Jehovah, upon Jezebel. For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab every man and boy, whether bondsman or free in Israel. And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the field of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' And he opened the door, and fled.

Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord. And one said to him, 'Is all well? Wherefore came this madman to thee?' And he said to them, 'Ye know the

‘man and his communication.’ And they said, ‘It is ¹
‘false ; tell us now.’ And he said, ‘Thus and thus spake
‘he to me, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed
‘thee to be king over Israel.’ Then they hastened, and ¹
took every man his garment, and put it under him on the
top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, ‘Jehu
‘is king.’ So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of ¹
Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept
watch in Ramoth in Gilead, he and all Israel, because of
Hazeel king of Syria. But king Joram was returned to ¹
be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had
given him, when he fought with Hazeel king of Syria.)
And Jehu said, ‘If it be your minds, then let none escape
‘to go forth out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel.’

So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel ; for ⁴
Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come
down to see Joram. And there stood a watchman on the ¹¹
tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he
came, and said, ‘I see a company.’ And Joram said, ‘Take
‘a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say,
‘Is it peace?’ So there went one on horseback to meet ¹¹
him, and said, ‘Thus saith the king, Is it peace?’ And
Jehu said, ‘What hast thou to do with peace? Turn thee
‘behind me.’ And the watchman told, saying, ‘The mes-
‘senger came to them, but he cometh not again.’ Then he ¹
sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and
said, ‘Thus saith the king, Is it peace?’ And Jehu an-
swered, ‘What hast thou to do with peace? Turn thee
‘behind me.’ And the watchman told, saying, ‘He came ²⁰
‘even unto them, and cometh not again. And the driving
‘is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi ; for he
‘driveth furiously.’ And Joram said, ‘Make ready.’ And ²¹
his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and
Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and
they went out against Jehu, and met him in the field of
Naboth the Jezreelite. And it came to pass, when Joram ²²
saw Jehu, that he said, ‘Is it peace Jehu?’ And he an-
swered, ‘Why should it be peace, so long as the fornications
‘of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?’
And Joram turned his hands and fled, and said to Ahaziah, ²³
‘There is treachery, O Ahaziah.’ And Jehu drew a bow ²⁴
with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms;

and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down
5 in his chariot. Then said [Jehu] to Bidkar a chief-of-
three [or charriot-warrior], 'Take him up, and cast him
'into the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite.
'For remember how that, when I and thou rode together
'after Ahab his father, Jehovah laid this burden upon
6 'him [saying], Surely I have seen in time past the blood
'of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, Jehovah hath said
'it. And I will requite thee in this parcel of ground,
'Jehovah hath said it.—Now therefore take and cast him
'into the parcel of ground, according to the word of
'Jehovah.'

7 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled
by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after
him, and said, 'Smite him also in the chariot.' It was at
the hill-road to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to
8 Megiddo, and died there. And his servants carried him
in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his burial-
9 place with his fathers in the city of David. And Ahaziah
had begun to reign over Judah in the eleventh year of
Joram the son of Ahab [B.C. 862].

10 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of
it; and she painted her eyes, and dressed her head, and
11 looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the
city gate, she said, 'Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?'
12 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, 'Who
'is on my side? Who?' And there looked out to him
13 two or three chamberlains. And he said, 'Throw her
'down.' So they threw her down. And some of her
blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses. And
14 he trod her under foot. And when he was come in, he
did eat and drink, and said, 'Go, see now to this cursed
15 'woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter.' And
they went to bury her. But they found no more of her
than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.
16 Therefore they came again, and told him. And he said,
'This is the word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand
'of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the parcel
'of ground of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel;
17 'and the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face
'of the field in the parcel of ground of Jezreel; so that
—'they shall not say, This is Jezebel.'

And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu ¹ wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying, 'Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing ² 'your master's sons are with you, and there are with you 'chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and arms; look ³ 'even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and 'set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's 'house.' But they were very much afraid, and said, 'Be- ⁴ 'hold, the two kings could not stand before him; how then 'shall we stand?' And he that was over the household, and ⁵ he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, 'We are thy 'servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us. We will 'not make any king. Do thou what is good in thine eyes.' Then he wrote a letter a second time to them, saying, 'If 'ye be mine, and if ye will hearken to my voice, take ye 'the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me 'to Jezreel by this time to-morrow.' Now the king's sons, being seventy men, were with the great men of the city, who had brought them up. And it came to pass when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew them, seventy men, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him at Jezreel.

And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, 'They have brought the heads of the king's sons.' And he said, 'Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of 'the city gate until the morning.' And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, 'Ye are righteous. Behold, I conspired against 'my master, and slew him; but who slew all these? 'Know therefore that there shall fall to the ground no- 'thing of the word of Jehovah, which Jehovah spake con- 'cerning the house of Ahab. For Jehovah hath done that 'which he spake by the hand of his servant Elijah.' So ¹ Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his companions, and his priests, until he left of him none remaining.

And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And ¹ as he was at a shearing house of shepherds on the way, Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, ¹ and said, 'Who are ye?' And they answered, 'We are

‘the brethren of Ahaziah ; and we go down to salute the
‘children of the king and the children of the queen.’
14 And he said, ‘Take them alive.’ And they took them
alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even
two and forty men ; neither left he a man of them.
15 And when he was departed thence, he found Jehona-
dab a son of Rechab [or a chariot driver] coming to meet
him. And he blessed him, and said to him, ‘Is thy heart
‘right, as my heart is with thy heart?’ And Jehonadab
answered, ‘It is.’ ‘If it be, give me thy hand.’ And he
gave him his hand ; and took him up to him into the
16 chariot. And he said, ‘Come with me, and see my zeal
‘for Jehovah.’ So they made him ride in his chariot.
17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained
unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, accord-
ing to the saying of Jehovah, which he spake to Elijah.
18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to
them, ‘Ahab served Baal a little ; but Jehu will serve him
19 ‘much. Now therefore call to me all the prophets of
‘Baal, all who serve him, and all his priests ; let none be
‘wanting ; for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal.
‘Whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live.’ But
Jehu did it in subtlety, to the intent that he might
20 destroy those who served Baal. And Jehu said, ‘Sanctify
‘a day of restraint for Baal.’ And they proclaimed it.
21 And Jehu sent through all Israel. And all those who
served Baal came, so that there was not a man left that
came not. And they came into the house of Baal ; and
22 the house of Baal was full from one end to another. And
he said to him that was over the wardrobe, ‘Bring forth
‘vestments for all those who serve Baal.’ And he brought
23 them forth vestments. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab
the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said to
those who served Baal, ‘Search and look that there be
‘here with you none of those who serve Jehovah, but
24 ‘those who serve Baal only.’ And when they went in to
offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed eighty
men without, and said, ‘The man who allows the escape
‘of any of the men whom I have brought into your hands,
25 ‘his life shall be instead of the life of him.’ And it came
to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the
burnt offering that Jehu said to the runners and to the

chiefs-of-three [or chariot warriors], ‘Go in, and slay them ;
 ‘let none come forth.’ And they smote them with the
 edge of the sword. And the runners and the chiefs-of-
 three cast them out, and then went to the city of the
 house of Baal. And they brought forth the images out ²⁶
 of the house of Baal, and burned them. And they brake ²⁷
 down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of
 Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. Thus ²⁸
 Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ²⁹
 who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after
 them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el,
 and that were in Dan. And Jehovah said to Jehu, ‘Be- ³⁰
 ‘cause thou hast done well in executing what is right in
 ‘mine eyes, and hast done to the house of Ahab accord-
 ‘ing to all that was in my heart, thy children of the
 ‘fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.’ But ³¹
 Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of Jehovah the
 God of Israel with all his heart ; for he departed not from
 the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

In those days Jehovah began to cut Israel short ; and ³²
 Hazael smote them in all the boundaries of Israel ; from ³³
 the Jordan towards the rising of the sun, all the land
 of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the
 Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon ;
 even Gilead and Bashan.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, ³⁴
 and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the
 Chronicles of the kings of Israel ? And Jehu slept with ³⁵
 his fathers. And they buried him in Samaria. And Je-
 hoahaz his son reigned in his stead. And the days that ³⁶
 Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria were twenty and eight
 years.

And when ATHALIAH the mother of Ahaziah saw that ¹
 her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed
 royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister ²
 of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him
 from among the king’s sons who were slain. And they hid
 him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from
 Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her
 hidden in the House of Jehovah for six years. And
 Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 And on the seventh year [B.C. 843] Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, with the axe-bearers and the runners, and brought them to him into the House of Jehovah, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath from them in the House of Jehovah, and then shewed
5 them the king's son. And he commanded them, saying, 'This is the thing that ye shall do. Of you that come in
6 'on the sabbath, a third part shall be keepers of the watch
7 'of the king's house; and a third part shall be at the Gate
8 'of the Turning; and a third part at the gate behind
9 'the runners. So shall ye keep the watch of the House,
10 'against a carrying off. And of all you that go out on
11 'the sabbath, two parts shall keep the watch of the House
12 'of Jehovah about the king. And ye shall encompass the
13 'king round about, every man with his weapons in his
14 'hand; and he that cometh unto the ranks, let him be
15 'slain. And be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he
16 'cometh in.' And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the Priest commanded. And they took every man his men that were to come in
17 on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the Priest. And to the captains over hundreds did the Priest give king David's spears and
18 shields, that were in the House of Jehovah. And the runners stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right front corner of the House to the left front corner of the House, against the
19 Altar and against the House. And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and the Testimonials; and they made him king, and anointed him. And they clapped their hands, and said, 'May the king
20 'live.'

21 And when Athaliah heard the noise of the runners and of the people, she came to the people into the House of
22 Jehovah. And when she looked, behold, the king stood upon the pillar, as was the custom, and the captains and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. And Athaliah rent her
23 clothes, and cried 'Treason, Treason.' But Jehoiada the Priest commanded the captains of hundreds, the officers of the host, and said to them, 'Lead her forth within the
24 'ranks; and let him that followeth her be slain with the

‘sword.’ For the Priest had said, ‘Let her not be slain in ‘the House of Jehovah.’ And they laid hands on her; ¹⁶ and she went by the way by which the horses came into the king’s house; and there was she slain.

And Jehoiada made a covenant between Jehovah and ¹⁷ the king and the people, that they should be Jehovah’s people; between the king also and the people. And all ¹⁸ the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the Priest appointed to the offices in the House of Jehovah. And he took the captains over ¹⁹ hundreds, and the axe-bearers, and the runners, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the House of Jehovah, and came by the way of the gate of the runners to the king’s house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. And all the people of the land ²⁰ rejoiced, and the city was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword at the king’s house. Seven years old ²¹ was Jehoash when he began to reign.

In the seventh year of Jehu [B.C. 843] JEHOASH began ¹ to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Jehoash ² did what was right in the sight of Jehovah all his days wherein Jehoiada the Priest instructed him. But the High ³ Places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the High Places.

And Jehoash said to the priests, ‘All the money of the ⁴ ‘holy things that is brought into the House of Jehovah, ‘the current money of every one, the head-money of his ‘taxation, and all the money that cometh into any man’s ‘heart to bring into the house of Jehovah, let the priests ⁵ ‘take it to themselves, every man from his friend; and let ‘them repair the breaches of the House, wheresoever any ‘breach shall be found.’ But it was so, that in the three ⁶ and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the House.

Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the Priest, and ⁷ the other priests, and said to them, ‘Why repair ye not ‘the breaches of the House? Now therefore receive no ‘more money from your friends, but deliver it for the ⁸ ‘breaches of the House.’ And the priests consented to re-

ceive no more money from the people, neither to be the
9 repairers of the breaches of the House. But Jehoiada the
Priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and
set it near the altar, on the right hand as one cometh into
the House of Jehovah. And the priests that kept the
door put therein all the money that was brought into the
House of Jehovah.

0 And it was so, when they saw that there was much
money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high
priest came up, and they put it up in bags, and counted
1 the money that was found in the House of Jehovah. And
they gave the money, when weighed, into the hands of
them that did the work, that had the oversight of the
House of Jehovah; and they brought it forth to the car-
penters and builders, that worked upon the House of Jeho-
2 vah, and to the masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy
timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the
House of Jehovah, and for all that was laid out for the
3 House to repair it. However, there were not made for the
House of Jehovah bowls of silver, snuffers, sprinkling
buckets, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver,
of the money that was brought into the House of Jehovah.
4 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired there-
5 with the House of Jehovah. Moreover they reckoned not
with the men into whose hand they delivered the money
to be given to the workmen; for they dealt faithfully.
6 The guilt-offering money and sin-offering money was not
brought into the House of Jehovah; it was the priests.

7 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against
Gath, and took it. And Hazael set his face to go up to
8 Jerusalem. And Jehoash king of Judah took all the holy
things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his
fathers, kings of Judah, had made holy, and his own
holy things, and all the gold that was found in the trea-
sures of the House of Jehovah, and in the king's house,
and sent it to Hazael king of Syria. And he went away
from Jerusalem.

9 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are
they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the
0 kings of Judah? And his servants arose, and made a
conspiracy, and slew Joash at Beth-Millo [or the castle],
1 at the going down to Silla. For Jozachar the son of

Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died. And they buried him with his fathers in the city of David ; and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah [B.C. 821] JEHOAHAZ the son of Jehu began to reign for seventeen years over Israel in Samaria. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin ; he departed not therefrom.

And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad [III.] the son of Hazael, all their days. (And Jehoahaz besought the face of Jehovah, and Jehovah hearkened to him ; for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. And Jehovah gave to Israel a saviour [Jehoash of Judah] ; so that they went cut from under the hand of the Syrians. And the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as aforetime. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, but walked therein ; and there remained the image of Ashera also in Samaria.) For there were left no people to Jehoahaz save only fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand men on foot ; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust to be trampled on.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel ? And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers ; and they buried him in Samaria ; and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah [B.C. 807] began JEHOASH the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, for sixteen years. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from any of the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin ; but he walked therein. And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might where-with he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel ? And Joash slept with his fathers ; and Jeroboam

sat upon his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

¹⁴ Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, 'O my father, my father, ¹⁵ 'the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.' And Elisha said to him, 'Take a bow and arrows.' And he ¹⁶ took to him a bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, 'Put thy hand upon the bow.' And he put his hand upon it. And Elisha put his hands upon the king's ¹⁷ hands. And he said, 'Open the window eastward.' And he opened it. Then Elisha said, 'Shoot.' And he shot. And he said, 'The arrow of Jehovah's deliverance, and the 'arrow of deliverance from Syria. For thou shalt smite 'the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Take the arrows.' And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, 'Smite upon the ground.' ¹⁹ And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, 'On smiting five or six 'times, then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it. Whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.' ²⁰ And Elisha died, and they buried him.

And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the ²¹ coming in of the year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha. And when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he came to life, and stood up on his feet.

²² (Now Hazael king of Syria had oppressed Israel all the ²³ days of Jehoahaz. But Jehovah was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and turned to them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence ²⁴ as yet. So Hazael king of Syria died; and his son Ben-ha- ²⁵ dad [the IIrd.] reigned in his stead.) And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz returned and took out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times —did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

¹ In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel [B.C. 806] reigned AMAZIAH the son of Joash king ² of Judah. He was twenty and five years old when he

began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoadan of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, yet not like David his father. He did according to all things as Joash his father did. However the High Places were not taken away. As yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on High Places.

And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants who had slain the king his father. But the children of the murderers he did not put to death ; according to that which is written in the Book of the Law of Moses [Deut. xxiv. 16], wherein Jehovah commanded, saying, *The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.*

He slew in the Valley of Salt ten thousand Edomites, and took Sela [or Petra] by war, and called the name of it Joktheel [or captured by God] unto this day.

Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, 'Come, let us look one another in the face.' And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, 'The thistle that was on Lebanon sent to the cedar that was on Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife. But there passed by a wild beast that was on Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thy heart hath lifted thee up. Glory thou at this, and tarry at home. For why shouldest thou rush into trouble, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?' But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up ; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-she-mesh, which belongeth to Judah. And Judah was smitten down before Israel : and they fled every man to their tents. And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh ; and he came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem near the gate of Ephraim unto the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the House of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

¹⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles
¹⁶ of the kings of Israel? And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁷ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel
¹⁸ fifteen years. And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the
¹⁹ kings of Judah? And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish. But they sent
²⁰ after him to Lachish, and slew him there. And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem
²¹ with his fathers in the city of David. And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and
²² made him king instead of his father Amaziah. He had built Elath, and restored it to Judah. After that the king slept with his fathers.

²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah [B.C. 792] JEROBOAM the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria for forty and one years,
²⁴ And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from any of the sins of Jeroboam the son of
²⁵ Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He restored the boundary of Israel from the Pass of Hamath unto the Sea of the Barren Valley, according to the word of Jehovah the God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher.
²⁶ For Jehovah saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there remained none, whether bondsman or
²⁷ free, nor was there any helper for Israel. And Jehovah said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

²⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath of Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of
²⁹ Israel? And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, the kings — of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

¹ In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of

Israel [B.C. 778] began AZARIAH [or UZZIAH] son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and hereigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah according to all that his father Amaziah had done; save that the High Places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on High Places. And Jehovah smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a house of beds [or a hospital]. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 764] did ZACHARIAH the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria for six months. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as his fathers had done. He departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel. This was the word of Jehovah which he spake to Jehu, [ch. x. 30] saying, 'Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation.' And so it came to pass.

SHALLUM the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah [or Azariah] king of Judah [B.C. 763], and he reigned a month in Samaria. For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Then MENAHEM smote Tiphseh, and all that were therein, and its boundaries from Tirzah. Because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein

¹⁷ that were with child he ripped up. In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 763] began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel for ten
¹⁸ years in Samaria. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

¹⁹ Pul the king of Assyria came against the land. And Menahem gave Pul a thousand Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the
²⁰ kingdom in his hand. And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, for each man fifty Shekels [or 100 shillings] of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned
²¹ back, and stayed not there in the land. And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of
²² Israel? And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

²³ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 752] PEKAHIAH the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel
²⁴ in Samaria for two years. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. But
²⁵ Pekah the son of Remaliah, one of his chiefs-of-three [or chariot warriors], conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the strong tower of the king's house, with Argob and Aariah; (and with him were fifty men of the sons of the Gileadites;) and he killed him, and reigned in his
²⁶ room. And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

²⁷ In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah [B.C. 750] PEKAH the son of Remaliah began to reign over
²⁸ Israel in Samaria for twenty years. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

²⁹ In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel near Bath-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them
³⁰ captive to Assyria. And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote

him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah [B.C. 730]. And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, ³¹ behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king ³² of Israel [B.C. 749] began JOTHAM the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign. Five and twenty years old was he ³³ when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And he did what was right in the sight of ³⁴ Jehovah; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. Howbeit the High Places were not removed; ³⁵ the people still sacrificed and burned incense on High Places. He built the Upper Gate of the House of Jehovah.

Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, ³⁶ are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? In those days Jehovah began to send ³⁷ against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was ³⁸ buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead. —

In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah ¹ [B.C. 734] AHAZ the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to ² reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not do what was right in the sight of Jehovah his God, like David his father. But he walked in the way of the ³ kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel. And ⁴ he sacrificed and burnt incense on High Places; and on the hills, and under every green tree.

Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah ⁵ king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war; and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. At that time ⁶ Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath. And the Edomites came to Elath, and dwell there unto this day.

So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of As- ⁷ syria, saying, 'I am thy servant and thy son. Come up, and save me out of the grasp of the king of Syria, and out

‘of the grasp of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.’

⁸ And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the House of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, ⁹ and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria hearkened to him; for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

¹⁰ And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria. And he saw the altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the Priest the likeness of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all ¹¹ the workmanship of it. And Urijah the Priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus; so Urijah the Priest made it against king Ahaz ¹² came from Damascus. And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar. And the king ¹³ approached to the altar, and offered up thereon. And he burnt his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace ¹⁴ offerings, upon the altar. And he brought also the copper altar, which was before Jehovah, from the front of the House, from between the [Great] Altar and the House of ¹⁵ Jehovah, and put it on the north side of the Altar. And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the Priest, saying, ‘Upon ‘the Great Altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the ‘evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and ‘his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people ‘of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt ‘offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; and the copper ¹⁶ ‘altar shall be for me to inquire by.’ And Urijah the Priest ¹⁷ did according to all that king Ahaz commanded. And king Ahaz cut off the panels of the basin-stands, and removed the Laver [or basin] from off them, and took down the Water-cistern from off the copper oxen that were under it, ¹⁸ and put it upon the pavement of stones. And the shelter [or portico] for the sabbath that they had built on to the House, and the king's entrance on the outside, carried he all round the House of Jehovah for the king of Assyria.

¹⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of ²⁰ Judah? And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried

with his fathers in the city of David ; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah [B. C. 730],¹ began HOSEA the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel for nine years. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria ; and Hosea became his servant, and gave him presents. And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea ; for he had sent messengers to Seve king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

And the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it for three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea [B.C. 722] the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah [or Calah], and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Lower Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and they had feared other gods, and they had walked in the statutes of the nations whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against Jehovah their God, and they built them High Places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set them up images and groves of Ashera on every high hill, and under every green tree. And there they burnt incense in all the High Places, as did the nations whom Jehovah had carried away before them ; and they wrought wicked things to provoke Jehovah to anger ; for they served the filthy idols whereof Jehovah had said to them, ‘ Ye shall not do this thing.’ And Jehovah protested against Israel, and against Judah, by the hand of all the prophets, and all the seers, saying, ‘ Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the Law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets.’ Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their

- necks, like to the neck of their fathers, who did not believe
5 in Jehovah their God. And they rejected his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies by which he protested against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom Jehovah had charged them, that they should not do like them.
- 6 And they left all the commandments of Jehovah their God, and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made a grove of Ashera, and worshipped all the
7 host of the heavens, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him
8 to anger. Therefore Jehovah was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his presence. There was none
9 left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of Jehovah their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.
- 10 And Jehovah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hands of plunderers,
11 until he had cast them out of his presence. For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel from
12 following Jehovah, and made them sin a great sin. And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam
13 which he did; they departed not from them; until Jehovah removed Israel out of his presence, as he had said by the hand of all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.
- 14 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah and from Ava and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel. And they possessed Sa-
15 maria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not Jehovah; therefore Jehovah sent lions among them, which
16 slew some of them. Therefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, 'The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land. Therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they

‘know not the manner of the God of the land.’ Then the² king of Assyria commanded, saying, ‘Carry thither one of ‘the priests whom ye carried away from thence; and let ‘them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the ‘manner of the God of the land.’ Then one of the priests² whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear Jehovah.

Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put² them in the houses of the High Places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Tabernacles for³ damsels, and the men of Cuthah made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. And there were some who feared Jehovah, and made for³ themselves of the lowest of them priests of the High Places, and there were some who acted for themselves in the houses of the High Places. And some feared Jehovah, and some³ served their own gods, after the manner of the nations who had carried away [the Israelites] from thence. Unto this day³ they do after the former manners. They fear not Jehovah, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which Jehovah commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; with³ whom Jehovah had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, ‘Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, ‘nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them. But Jehovah, who³ ‘brought you up out of the land of Lower Egypt with ‘great power and stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, ‘and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacri- ‘fice. And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law,³ ‘and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall ‘observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other ‘gods. And the covenant that I have made with you ye³ ‘shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. But³ ‘Jehovah your God ye shall fear; and he will deliver you ‘out of the hand of all your enemies.’ Howbeit they did⁴ not hearken, but they did after their former manner. So⁴ these nations feared Jehovah, and yet served their graven images, both their children, and their children’s children. As did their fathers, so do they unto this day. —

¹ Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel [B.C. 728], that HEZEKIAH the son of
² Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's
³ name was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all
⁴ that David his father had done. He removed the High Places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves of Ashera, and brake in pieces the copper serpent that Moses had made. For unto those days the children of Israel did
⁵ burn incense to it. And it was called Nehushtan. He trusted in Jehovah the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any
⁶ that were before him. For he clave to Jehovah, and departed not from following him, but kept his command-
⁷ ments which Jehovah had commanded Moses. And Jehovah was with him. He prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria,
⁸ and served him not. He smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and its boundaries, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.
⁹ And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah [B.C. 724], which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came
¹⁰ up against Samaria, and besieged it. And at the end of three years he took it; even in the sixth year of Hezekiah that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel [B.C. 722],
¹¹ Samaria was taken. And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the
¹² Medes; because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded, and would not hear them nor do them.
¹³ Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah [B.C. 714] did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, 'I have offended; return from me. That which 'thou putttest on me will I bear.' And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred

Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, and thirty Kikars of gold. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the House of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off [the gold] from the doors of the Temple of Jehovah, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and he gave it to the king of Assyria.

And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris [or the chief eunuch] and Rab-shakeh [or the chief butler] from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the Upper Pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. And when they had called to the king, there came forth to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder. And Rab-shakeh said to them, 'Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What trust is this wherein thou trustest? 'Thou speakest only words of the lips, as counsel and strength for war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? Now, behold, thou trustest thyself on the support of this broken reed, even on Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust on him. But if ye say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God; is not that he whose High Places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away? And he saith to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship him before this altar in Jerusalem. Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver to thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to put chariots to them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of one Pasha [or captain] of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I now come up without Jehovah against this place to destroy it? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.' Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, to Rab-shakeh, 'Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syriac language; for we understand it. And speak not to us in the Jewish language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.'

- 27 But Rab-shakeh said to them, 'Hath my master sent
'me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words?
'Hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall,
'that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own
28 'urine with you?' Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with
a loud voice in the Jewish language, and spake, and said,
'Hear ye the word of the Great King, the king of Assyria.
29 'Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for
'he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand.
30 'Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, say-
'ing, Jehovah will surely deliver us, and this city will
'not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
31 'Hearken not to Hezekiah. For thus saith the king of
'Assyria, Make peace with me, and come out to me, and
'then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every man
'of his own fig tree, and drink ye every man the waters
32 'of his own cistern; until I come and take you away to a
'land like your own land, a land of corn and grape juice,
'a land of bread and vineyards, a land of the oil-olive,
'and of honey, that ye may live and not die. And hearken
'not to Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, Jeho-
33 'vah will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations
'delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of
34 'Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad?
'Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Avah?
35 'Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who are
'they among all the gods of the countries, that have de-
'livered their country out of my hand, that Jehovah
36 'should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?' But the
people held their peace, and answered him not a word;
for the king's command was, saying, 'Answer him not.'
37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the
House, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph
—the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told
38 him the words of Rab-shakeh. And it came to pass, when
king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and
covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the House
39 of Jehovah. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the house-
hold, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests,
covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of
40 Amoz. And they said to him, 'Thus saith Hezekiah, This
'day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of scoffing;

‘for the children are come to the birth, and there is not
 ‘strength to bring forth. It may be Jehovah thy God will 4
 ‘hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of
 ‘Assyria his master hath sent to defy the living God ; and
 ‘will reprove the words which Jehovah thy God hath heard.
 ‘Therefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.’

So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And 5
 Isaiah said to them, ‘Thus shall ye say to your master, 6
 ‘Thus saith Jehovah, Be not afraid of the words which
 ‘thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of
 ‘Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will send a 7
 ‘breath upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall
 ‘return to his own land ; and I will cause him to fall by
 ‘the sword in his own land.’

So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria 8
 warring against Libnah ; for he had heard that he had
 moved his camp from Lachish. And when he heard say of 9
 Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, ‘Behold, he is come out to fight
 ‘against thee ;’ he sent messengers again to Hezekiah,
 saying, ‘Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, 10
 ‘saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive
 ‘thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand
 ‘of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what 11
 ‘the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroy-
 ‘ing them utterly. And shalt thou be delivered ? Have 12
 ‘the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers
 ‘have destroyed ; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezech, and
 ‘the children of Eden who were in Tel-ashar ? Where 13
 ‘is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the
 ‘king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and of Avah ?

And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the 14
 messenger, and read it. And Hezekiah went up unto the
 House of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah. And 15
 Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, ‘O Jehovah
 ‘God of Israel, who dwellest between the cherubs, thou
 ‘art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the
 ‘earth. Thou hast made the heavens and the earth. Bow 16
 ‘down thine ear, O Jehovah, and hear. Open thine eyes,
 ‘O Jehovah, and see. And hear the words of Sennacherib,
 ‘who hath sent him to defy the living God. Of a truth, O 17
 ‘Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations
 ‘and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire. 18

- ‘For they were no gods, but the work of men’s hands,
‘wood and stone ; therefore they have destroyed them.
19 ‘Now therefore, O Jehovah our God, I beseech thee, save
‘us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth
‘may know that thou, Jehovah, art God, even thou only.’
20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying,
‘Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, That which thou
‘hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria
21 ‘I have heard. This is the word which Jehovah hath
‘spoken concerning him ;
‘The virgin the daughter of Zion despiseth thee, she
‘laugheth thee to scorn. The daughter of Jerusalem
22 ‘shaketh her head after thee. Whom hast thou defied and
‘blasphemed ? And against whom hast thou exalted thy
‘voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high ? Even against
23 ‘the Holy One of Israel. By the hand of thy messengers
‘thou hast defied the Lord, and hast said, With the mul-
‘titude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the
‘mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and I will cut down
‘its tall cedar trees, and its choice fir trees ; and I will
‘enter into its remotest lodgings, and into the thicket of
4 ‘its garden [or Carmel]. I have digged and have drunk
‘up the waters of the enemy, and with the sole of my feet
‘have I dried up all the canals of Lower Egypt.
5 ‘Hast thou not heard long ago how I did it, and of
‘ancient times that I purposed it ? Now have I brought
‘it to pass, that it should be for thee to lay waste fenced
6 ‘cities into ruinous heaps. But their inhabitants were of
‘small power, they were dismayed and confounded ; they
‘were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb ; as
‘grass on the housetops, or blight [on corn] before it
7 ‘be grown to stalk. But thine abode, and thy going out,
‘and thy coming in, I know, and thy rage against me.
8 ‘Because thy rage against me and thine insolence are
‘come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in
‘thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee
‘back by the way by which thou camest.
9 ‘And this shall be a sign unto thee, in this year shall
‘be eaten what groweth of itself, and in the second year
‘that which springeth from the same ; and in the third
‘year they shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and
10 ‘eat the fruits thereof. And the escaped of the house of

‘Judah shall increase, those left shall take root downward,
 ‘and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go ³¹
 ‘forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount
 ‘Zion. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this.

‘Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king of ³²
 ‘Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an
 ‘arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast up
 ‘a siege-mound against it. By the way that he came, by ³³
 ‘the same shall he return; and he shall not come into
 ‘this city; Jehovah hath said it. For I will be a shield ³⁴
 ‘to this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my
 ‘servant David’s sake.’

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jeho- ³⁵
 vah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians
 a hundred and eighty and five thousand; and when men
 arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead
 corpses. And Sennacherib king of Assyria moved his ³⁶
 camp, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

(And it came to pass [B.C. 683], as he was worshipping ³⁷
 in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and
 Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword. And they
 escaped into the land of Ararat [or Armenia]. And Esar-
 haddon his son reigned in his stead.)

In those days [B.C. 713] was Hezekiah sick unto death. ¹
 And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him,
 and said to him, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, Set thy house in
 ‘order, for thou shalt die, and not live.’ Then he turned ²
 his face to the wall, and prayed to Jehovah, saying, ‘I ³
 ‘beseech thee, O Jehovah, remember now how I have
 ‘walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart,
 ‘and have done what is good in thy sight.’ And Hezekiah
 wept with a great weeping. And it came to pass, before ⁴
 Isaiah was gone out into the middle city, that the word
 of Jehovah came to him, saying, ‘Turn again, and tell ⁵
 ‘Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith Jehovah,
 ‘the God of David thy father; I have heard thy prayer,
 ‘I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee; on the
 ‘third day thou shalt go up unto the House of Jehovah.
 ‘And I will add to thy days fifteen years; and I will de- ⁶
 ‘liver thee and this city out of the grasp of the king of
 ‘Assyria; and I will be a shield over this city for mine
 ‘own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.’

⁷ And Isaiah said, 'Take ye a cake of figs.' And they
⁸ took and laid it on the boil and he recovered. And
Hezekiah said to Isaiah, 'What shall be the sign that
'Jehovah will heal me, and that I shall go up into the
⁹ 'House of Jehovah on the third day?' And Isaiah said,
'This shall be a sign to thee from Jehovah, that Jehovah
'will do the thing that he hath spoken. Shall the shadow
¹⁰ 'go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?' And
Hezekiah answered, 'It is a light thing for the shadow to
'grow longer ten degrees; nay, but let the shadow return
¹¹ 'backward ten degrees.' And Isaiah the prophet cried
to Jehovah. And he brought the shadow ten degrees
backward, by which it had gone down on the sun-dial of
Ahaz.

¹² At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan,
king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah;
¹³ for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And
Hezekiah hearkened to them, and shewed them all the
house of his spicery, the silver, and the gold, and the
scents, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his
armour, and all that was found in his treasures. There
was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that
Hezekiah shewed them not.

¹⁴ Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and
said to him, 'What said these men? And from whence
'came they to thee?' And Hezekiah said, 'From a far
¹⁵ 'country, they are come from Babylon.' Then he said,
'What have they seen in thy house?' And Hezekiah
answered, 'All that is in my house have they seen. There
'is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed
¹⁶ 'them.' And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, 'Hear the word of
¹⁷ 'Jehovah. Behold, days will come, when all that is in
'thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in
'store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing
¹⁸ 'shall be left, saith Jehovah. And some of thy sons that
'shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they
'take away; and they shall be chamberlains in the palace
¹⁹ 'of the king of Babylon.' Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah,
'Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast spoken.'
And he said, 'Oh that peace and certainty may be in my
'days!'

²⁰ And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might,

and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Hezekiah ²¹ slept with his fathers ; and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign ¹ [B.C. 698], and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzi-bah. And he ² did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, after the abominations of the nations, whom Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel. For he built up again the ³ High Places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed ; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an image of Ashera, as did Ahab king of Israel ; and he worshipped all the host of the heavens, and served them. And he ⁴ built altars in the house of Jehovah, of which Jehovah said, 'In Jerusalem will I put my name.' And he built ⁵ altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the House of Jehovah. And he made his son to pass ⁶ through the fire, and observed clouds, and used enchantments, and dealt with speaking bottles [or ventriloquism] and wizards ; he wrought much wickedness in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. And he set a graven ⁷ image of Ashera that he had made in the House, of which Jehovah had said to David, and to Solomon his son, 'In 'this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of 'all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever. Neither ⁸ 'will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the 'land which I gave their fathers ; if they will only observe 'to do according to all that I have commanded them, 'and according to all the Law that my servant Moses com- ⁹ 'manded them.' But they hearkened not. And Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom Jehovah destroyed from before the children of Israel.

And Jehovah spake by the hand of his servants the ¹⁰ prophets, saying, 'Because Manasseh king of Judah hath ¹¹ 'done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above 'all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and hath 'made Judah also to sin with his filthy idols ; therefore ¹² 'thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoso- ¹³ 'ever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will

‘stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab. And I will wipe Jerusalem
‘as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upon its
14 ‘face. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies;
‘and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their
15 ‘enemies; because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day
‘their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this
16 ‘day.’ Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing what was evil in the sight of Jehovah.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in
18 the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign [B.C. 643], and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Meshullameth, the daughter
20 of Haruz of Jotbah. And he did what was evil in the sight
21 of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh had done. And he walked in all the ways that his father had walked in, and served the filthy idols that his father served, and worshipped them. And he forsook Jehovah the God of his
22 fathers, and walked not in the way of Jehovah. And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his own house. And the people of the land slew
23 all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

24 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of
25 Judah? And he was buried in his sepulchre in the—garden of Uzza; and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

1 JOSIAH was eight years old when he began to reign [B.C. 641], and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adiah of Boscath. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah [B.C. 624], that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the House of Jehovah, saying, 'Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum up the silver which is brought into the House of Jehovah, which the keepers of the door have gathered from the people. And let them deliver it into the hand of those doers of the work, that have the oversight of the House of Jehovah; and then let them give it to the doers of the work that are in the House of Jehovah, to repair the breaches of the House, to the carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the House.' Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the silver that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found a Book of the Law in the House of Jehovah.' And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, 'Thy servants have melted [or coined] the silver that was found in the House, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the House of Jehovah.' And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, 'Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book.' And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, 'Go ye, inquire of Jehovah for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of Jehovah that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.'

So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah, the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second [or lower city];) and they spake with her. And she said to them, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of

¹⁶ 'Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith Jehovah ; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon
'its inhabitants, even all the words of the Book which
¹⁷ 'the king of Judah hath read ; Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods,
'that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of
'their hands ; therefore my wrath is kindled against this
¹⁸ 'place and shall not be quenched. But to the king of Judah
'who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, thus shall ye say to
'him, Thus speaketh Jehovah the God of Israel, As touching
¹⁹ 'the words which thou hast heard ; because thy heart
'was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before Jehovah,
'when thou heardest what I spake against this place,
'and against its inhabitants, that they should become a
'desolation and a curse, and thou hast rent thy clothes,
'and wept before me, I also have hearkened ; Jehovah hath
²⁰ 'said it. Behold therefore, I will gather thee to thy
'fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace ;
'and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring
—'upon this place.' And they brought the king word again.

¹ And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the
² elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up into the House of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the
³ Covenant which was found in the House of Jehovah. And the king stood upon the pillar, and made a covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And he made all
⁴ the people stand to the covenant. And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the Temple of Jehovah all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for Ashera, and for all the host of the heavens ; and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of the
⁵ Kidron, and carried the ashes of them to Beth-el. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained, that incense might be burned in the High Places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round

about Jerusalem, even them that burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the signs of the Zodiac, and to all the host of the heavens. And he brought out the image of Ashera from the House of Jehovah, without Jerusalem, unto the valley of the Kidron, and burned it in the valley of the Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. And he brake down the houses of the Sodomites, that were by the House of Jehovah, where the women wove tents for Ashera. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the High Places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the High Places at the city gates, even that which was at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which was on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the High Places came not up to the altar of Jehovah in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the images of horses that the kings of Judah had given to the Sun, at the entering in of the House of Jehovah, near the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs [or lower city], and burned the chariots of the Sun with fire. And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the House of Jehovah, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the valley of the Kidron. And the High Places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption [or of Olives], which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtarothe the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the Children of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves of Ashera, and filled their places with the bones of men.

Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, at the High Place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel

to sin, had made, both that altar and the High Place he brake down, and burned the High Place, and stamped it
16 small to powder, and burned the grove of Ashera. And as Josiah turned himself, he saw the sepulchres that were there on the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of Jehovah which the man of
17 God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words [I. Kings, xiii. 2]. Then Josiah said, 'What grave-stone is that that 'I see?' And the men of the city told him, 'It is the 'sepulchre of the man of God, who came from Judah, and 'proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the
18 'altar of Beth-el.' And he said, 'Let him alone; let no man 'move his bones.' So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the High Places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to call forth Wrath, Josiah took away, and did to them
20 according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he sacrificed upon the altars all the priests of the High Places that were there, and he burned the men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, 'Keep 'the passover unto Jehovah your God, as it is written in
22 'this Book of the Covenant.' Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the Judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel
23 and kings of Judah, as when in the eighteenth year of king Josiah [B.C. 624], this passover was holden to Jehovah in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover the speaking bottles [of the ventriloquists], and the wizards, and the Teraphs [or images], and the filthy idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, so that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the Priest found in the
25 House of Jehovah. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to Jehovah with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

26 Notwithstanding Jehovah turned not from the fierceness

of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him with. And Jehovah said, 'I will remove²⁷ 'Judah also from before my face, as I have removed Israel, 'and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, 'and the House of which I said, My name shall be there.'

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did,²⁸ are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

In his days Pharaoh Nechoh king of Egypt went up²⁹ against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And king Josiah went against him. And [Nechoh] slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. And his servants carried³⁰ him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

JEHOAHAZ was twenty and three years old when he³¹ began to reign [B.C. 610]; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did what was³² evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers had done. And Pharaoh Nechoh put him in bands at³³ Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put a fine upon the land of a hundred Kikars of silver, and a Kikar of gold. And Pharaoh³⁴ Nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father. (And he turned his name to Jehoia-kim.) And he took Jehoahaz away. And he came to Egypt, and died there.

And JEHOIAKIM gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh;³⁵ but he taxed the land to give the money according to the command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it to Pharaoh Nechoh. Jehoiakim was³⁶ twenty and five years old when he began to reign [B.C. 610]; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jeho-³⁷ vah, according to all that his fathers had done. —

In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up,¹ and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he

² turned and rebelled against him. And Jehovah sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the Children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the ² word of Jehovah, which he spake by the hand of his servants ³ the prophets. Surely at the command of Jehovah came this upon Judah, to remove them from before his face, for the ⁴ sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which Jehovah would not pardon.

⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of ⁶ the kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; ⁷ and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the valley of Lower Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that had pertained to the king of Egypt.

⁸ JEHOIACHIN was eighteen years old when he began to reign [B.C. 600], and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehusta, the ⁹ daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father had done.

¹⁰ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against ¹¹ the city, and his servants did besiege it. And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his chamberlains; and the king of Babylon took him in the ¹² eighth year of his [Nebuchadnezzar's] reign. And he carried out thence all the treasures of the House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the Temple of Jehovah, as Jehovah had said. ¹³ And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the warriors of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the carpenters and smiths. None remained, save ⁴ the poorest sort of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his chamberlains, and the mighty of

the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and carpenters and smiths a thousand, all that were warriors apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead. And he changed his name to Zedekiah.

ZEDEKIAH was twenty and one years old when he began to reign [B.C. 599], and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of Jehovah it came to pass on Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign [B.C. 591], in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it. And they built a line of forts against it round about. And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah [B.C. 589]. And on the ninth day of the [fourth] month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war [fled] by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which is by the king's garden; (now the Chaldees were against the city round about;) and [Zedekiah] went by the way of the Barren Valley. And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the barren plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of copper, and carried him to Babylon.

And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon [B.C. 589], came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem. And he burned the House of Jehovah, and the king's house,

and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's
10 house burned he with fire. And all the army of the Chal-
dees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down
11 the walls of Jerusalem round about. And the rest of the
people that were left in the city, and the deserters that
deserted to the king of Babylon, with the rest of the
rabble, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry
12 away captive. But the captain of the guard left part of
the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of copper that were in the House of
Jehovah, and the basin-stands, and the copper water-cis-
tern that was in the House of Jehovah, the Chaldees brake
14 in pieces, and carried the copper of them to Babylon. And
the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the [incense]
ladles, and all the vessels of copper wherewith they minis-
15 tered, took they away. And of the censers, and the
sprinkling buckets, of such as were of gold, the captain
of the guard took away the gold, and of such as were of
16 silver, the silver. The two pillars, one water-cistern, and
the basin-stands which Solomon had made for the House
of Jehovah ; the copper of all these vessels was without
17 weight. The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits,
and the capital upon it was copper ; and the height of the
capital three cubits ; and the trellis work, and pomegra-
nates upon the capital round about, all of copper. And
the second pillar had, like unto these, upon the trellis
work.

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief
priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three
19 keepers of the door. And out of the city he took a cham-
berlain who had the charge of the men of war, and five
men of them that waited upon the king's presence, who
were found in the city, and the scribe the captain of the
host, who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men
20 of the people of the land that were found in the city. And
Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought
21 them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of
Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land
of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 And as for the people that remained in the land of
Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left,
even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the

son of Shaphan, governor. And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said to them, 'Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees. Dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you.' But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

AND IT CAME TO PASS in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah [B.C. 564], in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison. And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon; and changed his prison garments. And he did eat bread continually in his presence all the days of his life. And his allowance was a continual allowance given him from the king, a daily rate on its day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

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| A DAM, | 1 | Jered, | |
| Seth, | | Henoch, | 3 |
| Enosh, | | Methuselah, | |
| Kenan, | 2 | Lamech, | |
| Mahalaleel, | | Noah, | 4 |
| Shem, Ham, and Japheth. | | | |

The sons of JAPHETH; Gomer [or the Cimmerians], and Magog [or the Scythians], and Madai [or the Medes], and Javan [or the Ionians], and Tubal [or the Tibareni],

and Meshech [or the Muscovites], and Tiras [or the Thracians].

⁶ And the sons of Gomer ; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah [or the Armenians].

⁷ And the sons of Javan ; Elishah [or Greece], and Tarshish [or Tarsus], Chittim [or the Cyprians], and Rodanim [or the Rhodians].

⁸ The sons of HAM ; Cush [or Ethiopia], and Mizraim, [or Lower Egypt], Phut [or North Africa], and Canaan.

⁹ And the sons of Cush ; Seba [or Nubia], and Havilah [in Arabia], and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah ; Sheba, and Dedan.

¹⁰ And Cush begat Nimrod [or Nineveh] ; he was the first to be mighty upon the earth.

¹¹ And Mizraim begat Ludim [or the Egyptian Arabs], and Ananim, and Lehabim [or the Libyans], and Napthahim, and Pathrusim [or Upper Egypt], and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Capthorim.

¹³ And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth [or ¹⁴ the Hittites], and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and ¹⁵ the Girgashites, and the Hivites, and the Arkites, and the ¹⁶ Sinites, and the Arvadites, and the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

¹⁷ The sons of SHEM ; Elam [or Western Persia], and Asshur [or Assyria], and Arep-Cheshed [or the Chaldees], and Lud [or the Lydians], and Aram [or the Syrians], ¹⁸ and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. And Arep-Cheshed begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber [or the ¹⁹ Hebrews]. And unto Eber were born two sons ; the name of the one was Peleg [or Division], because in his days the earth was divided ; and his brother's name was Joktan [or Arabia Felix].

²⁰ And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth [or Hadramout], and Jerah, ²¹ and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, and Ebal, ²² and Abimael, and Sheba, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab.

²³ All these were the sons of Joktan.

²⁴ SHEM,

Arep-Cheshed,
Shelah,

Eber,
Peleg,

25

Reu,
Serug, 26

Nahor,
Terah,

Abram ; the same is Abraham. 27

The sons of Abraham ; Isaac, and Ishmael. 28

This is their birth-book. The firstborn of Ishmael, Ne- 29
baioth [or the Nabatæans] ;

then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, Mishma, 30

and Dumah, Mesha, Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, 31
and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael.

Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine ; she 32
bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and
Ishbak, and Shuah.

And the sons of Jokshan ; Sheba, and Dedan. And the 33
sons of Midian, Ephah, and Ephher, and Henoah, and Abida,
and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

And Abraham begat Isaac. 34

The sons of Isaac ; Esau, and Israel.

The sons of Esau ; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, 35
and Korah.

The sons of Eliphaz ; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, 36
Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek [or the Amalekites].

The sons of Reuel ; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 37

And the SONS OF SEIR ; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, 38
and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.—And the 39

sons of Lotan ; Hori, and Homam ; and Timna was Lotan's 40
sister.—The sons of Shobal ; Alian, and Manahath, and

Ebal, Shephi, and Onam.—And the sons of Zibeon ; Aiah, 41
and Anah.—The sons of Anah ; Dishon.—And the sons

of Dishon ; Hamram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 42
—The sons of Ezar ; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jaakan.—

The sons of Dishan ; Uz, and Aran.

Now these were the kings that reigned in THE LAND OF 43
EDOM before any king reigned over the children of Israel ;
Bela the son of Beor. And the name of his city was
Dinhabah.

And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of 44
Bozrah reigned in his stead.

And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the 45
Temanites reigned in his stead.

And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, 46
who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his
stead. And the name of his city was Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad [1 Kings xi. 14] reigned in his stead ; and the name of his city was Pai ; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 And Hadad died ; and the princes of Edom were, the prince of Timnah, the prince of Aliah,

52 the prince of Jetheth, the prince of Aholibamah, the prince of Elah, the prince of Pinon,

53 the prince of Kenaz, the prince of Teman,

54 the prince of Mibzar [or Petra], the prince of Magdiel, —the prince of Iram. These were the princes of Edom,

1 These were the SONS OF ISRAEL ;

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

2 Issachar, and Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, And Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 The SONS OF JUDAH were Er, and Onan, and Shelah ; which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil

4 in the sight of Jehovah ; and he slew him. And Tamar his daughter in law bare to him Pharez and Zarah. All the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of Pharez were Hezron, and Hamul.

6 (And the sons of Zarah were Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda ; five of them in all.

7 And the sons of Carmi were Achar [or Troubler], the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the accursed thing.

8 And the sons of Ethan ; Azariah.)

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him, were Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Calubi [or Caleb].

10 And Ram begat Amminadab ;

And Amminadab begat Nahshon, a prince of the children of Judah ;

11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 and Boaz begat Obed, And Obed begat Jesse,

and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the¹³
second, and Shimma the third, Nethanceel the fourth, Rad-¹⁴
dai, the fifth, Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; and¹⁵
their sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail.¹⁶

And the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, and Joab, and
Asahel, three. And Abigail bare Amasa; and the father¹⁷
of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah¹⁸
his wife, and of Jerioth. And her sons are these; Jesh-
er, and Shobab, and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead,¹⁹
Caleb took unto him Ephrath, who bare him Hur. And²⁰
Hur begat Uri. And Uri begat Bezaleel.

And afterwards Hezron went in to the daughter of²¹
Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he
was sixty years old; and she bare him Segub. And Se-²²
gub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the
land of Gilead. And he took from Geshur and Syria the²³
Hamlets of Jair, with Kenath and its suburbs, even
sixty cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir the
father of Gilead. And after Hezron was dead in Caleb-²⁴
ephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashur the
father of Tekoa.

And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were,²⁵
Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and
Ahijah. Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name²⁶
was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were,²⁷
Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. And the sons of Onam were,²⁸
Shammai and Jada.

And the sons of Shammai were Nadab, and Abishur. And²⁹
the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare
him Ahban, and Molid.

And the sons of Nadab were Seled, and Appaim; and³⁰
Seled died without children.

And the sons of Appaim were Ishi.³¹

And the sons of Ishi were Sheshan.

And the children of Sheshan, Ahlai.

And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether,³²
and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. And³³
the sons of Jonathan were Peleth, and Zaza. These
were the sons of Jerahmeel.

Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan³⁴

- ³⁵ had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife ; and she bare him Attai.
- ³⁶ And Attai begat Nathan,
and Nathan begat Zabad,
- ³⁷ and Zabad begat Ephlal,
and Ephlal begat Obed,
- ³⁸ and Obed begat Jehu,
and Jehu begat Azariah,
- ³⁹ and Azariah begat Helez,
and Helez begat Eleasah,
- ⁴⁰ and Eleasah begat Sisamai,
and Sisamai begat Shallum,
- ⁴¹ and Shallum begat Jekamiah,
and Jekamiah begat Elishama [2 Kings xxv. 25].
- ⁴² Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph ; and the
- ⁴³ sons of Moreshah the father of Hebron.—And the sons of Hebron were Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.
- ⁴⁴—And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam.—And
- ⁴⁵ Rekem begat Shammai.—And the son of Shammai was Maon.—And Maon was the father of Beth-zur.
- ⁴⁶ And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and
- ⁴⁷ Gazez.—And Haran begat Gazez.—And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.
- ⁴⁸ Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.
- ⁴⁹ She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmenah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeaz ; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsa.
- ⁵⁰ These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephratha ; Shobal the father of the City of Jearim,
- ⁵¹ Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of
- ⁵² Beth-gader.—And Shobal the father of the City of Jearim
- ⁵³ had sons ; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites. And the families of the City of Jearim were, the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites ;
- ⁵⁴ of them came the Zorathites, and the Eshtaulites—The sons of Salma were Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth of the house of Joab and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.
- ⁵⁵ And the families of the scribes that dwelt at Jabez were

the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These were the Kenites [or Arabs] that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab [or the chariot-drivers].—

Now these were THE SONS OF DAVID, which were born ¹ to him in Hebron; the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; the third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. These six were born to him in ² ³ ⁴ Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

And these were born to him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and ⁵ Shobab, and Nathan, and SOLOMON, four of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel; Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, and Elishama, ⁶ ⁷ and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. These were all the sons ⁸ of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar ⁹ their sister.

And Solomon's son was REHOBOAM [king, B.C. 936–920], ¹⁰
 ABIJAH his son [B.C. 919–917],
 ASA his son [B.C. 917–877],
 JEHOASHAPHAT his son [B.C. 877–853],
 JORAM his son [B.C. 856–849], ¹¹
 AHAZIAH [or Jehoahaz] his son [B.C. 849],
 JOASH his son [B.C. 843–804],
 AMAZIAH his son [B.C. 806–778], ¹²
 AZARIAH [or Uzziah] his son [B.C. 801–750],
 JOTHAM his son [B.C. 749–734],
 AHAZ his son [B.C. 741–726], ¹³
 HEZEKIAH his son [B.C. 727–699],
 MANASSEH his son [B.C. 698–644],
 AMON his son [B.C. 643–642], ¹⁴
 JOSIAH his son [B.C. 641–611],

And the sons of Josiah were, the firstborn Johanan, ¹⁵ the second JEHOIAKIM [or Eliakim, B.C. 610–600], the third ZEDEKIAH [or Mattaniah, B.C. 599–589], the fourth SHALLUM [or Jehoahaz, B.C. 610].

And the sons of Jehoiakim; JECONIAH [or Jehoiachin, ¹⁶ B.C. 600] his son, Zedekiah his son.

And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son, and ¹⁷

³ Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

⁴ And the sons of Pedaiah were, ZERUBBABEL [or Sheshbazzar, Ezra i. 8, B.C. 538], and Shimei.

And the sons of Zerubbabel were, Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister, and Hashubah [a sister], and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hesediah who dwelt at Hesed, five.

¹ And the sons of Hananiah were, Pelatiah, and Jesaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

² And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah (and the sons of Shemaiah), Hattush [Ezra viii. 3, B.C. 476], and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

³ And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

⁴ And the sons of Elioenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

¹ THE SONS OF JUDAH;

Pharez,

Hezron [his son],

and Carmi [or Caleb his son],

and Hur [his son],

and Shobal [his son].

² And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat

Jahath; and Jahath begat

Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.

³ And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Ze-

⁴ lelponi; and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

⁵ And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah

⁶ and Naarah. And Naarah bare to him Ahuzam, and Hephher, and Temeni, and Ahashtari. These were the sons

⁷ of Naarah. And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

⁸ And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

⁹ And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren;

and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, 'Because I 'bare him with labour.' And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, 'and enlarge my boundary, and that thy hand might be 'with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that 'it may not make me sorrowful !' And God granted him that which he requested.

And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of the city of Nahash. These are the men of Rechah.

And the sons of Kenaz ; Othniel, and Seraiah ; and the sons of Othniel ; Hathath. And Meonothai begat Ophrah. And Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Charashim [or Carpenters] ; for they were carpenters.

And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh ; Iru, Elah, and Naam ; the sons of Elah, even Kenaz. And the sons of Jehaleleel ; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

And the sons of EZRA were, Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon. And [Mered's wife] bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemona. And his wife the Jewess bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of a Pharaoh, whom Mered took, and the sons of his wife Hudiah [or the Jewess] the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and of Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

And the sons of Shimon were, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Moreshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen at Beth-Ashbea, and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who were lords in Moab, and the inhabitants of Lehem. And in the ancient doings, these were the potters, and those that dwelt in plantations and walled yards. There they dwelt for the king upon his work.

THE SONS OF SIMEON were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerach, and Shaul ;

- ⁵ Shallum his son,
Mibsam his son,
³ Mishma his son. And the sons of Mishma ;
Hamuel his son,
Zacchur his son,
Shimei his son.
- ⁷ And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters ; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their
⁵ family multiply, like to the children of Judah. And they
³ dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and the village of
⁰ Shual, and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, and at
¹ Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, and at Beth-marecaboth [or the House of Chariots], and the village of Susim [or of Horses], and at Beth-birei, and at Shaarim.
² These were their cities unto the reign of David ; and their villages were, Etam, and Ain-rimmon, and Tochen, and
³ Ashan ; five cities, and all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy.
- ⁴ And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of
⁵ Amaziah, and Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, and Elioenai, and Jaakobah,
⁶ and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and
⁷ Benaiah, and Ziza
the son of Shiphi,
the son of Allon,
the son of Jedaiah,
the son of Shimri,
⁸ the son of Shimaiah [or Shimei] ; these
who came were princes with names in their families ; and
⁹ the house of their fathers increased greatly. And they went to the entrance of Geder, even to the east side of
¹⁰ the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide in its sides, and quiet and peaceable ; for men of Ham had dwelt
⁴¹ there aforetime. And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the Maonites that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt there in their stead ;
⁴² because there was pasture there for their flocks. And some of these, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pela-

tiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were⁴³ escaped, and dwelt there unto this day. —

And THE SONS OF REUBEN the firstborn of Israel, (for¹ he was the firstborn ; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel ; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah became great above his² brethren, and of him came the chief ruler ; but the birth-right was Joseph's ;) the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, Hanoah, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.³

The sons of Joel ;⁴

Shemaiah his son,

Gog his son,

Shimei his son,

Micalah his son,⁵

Reaiah his son,

Baal his son,

Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria⁶ carried away captive [B.C. 722]. He was prince of the Reubenites. And his brethren by their families, when the⁷ genealogy was reckoned for their birth-book, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, and Bela the son of Azaz, the⁸ son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-maon ; and eastward he inhabited⁹ unto the entrance of the desert which reaches from the river Euphrates ; because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. And in the days of Saul they made¹⁰ war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand. And they dwelt in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.

And THE SONS OF GAD dwelt over against them, in the¹¹ land of Bashan unto Salcah ; Joel the chief, and Shapham¹² the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. And¹³ their brethren of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. These were the children¹⁴ of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz ; Ahi the son of Abdiel, the¹⁵ son of Guni, was chief of the house of their fathers. And¹⁶ they dwelt in Gilead, in Bashan, and in its suburbs, and in

all the pasture lands of Sharon, upon their borders. All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear shield and sword, and to aim with bow, and trained to war, were forty and four thousand seven hundred and sixty that went out to the army. And they made war with the Hagarites, and Jetur [or the Ituræans], and Nephish, and Nodab. And they were helped against them; and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated towards them; because they put their trust in him. And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand souls. For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt there in their stead until the Captivity [B.C. 722].

And the children of THE HALF TRIBE OF MANASSEH dwelt in the land. They increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and mount Hermon. And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, warriors of valour, men of name, and heads of the house of their fathers. And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went astray after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed from before them. And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah [or Calah], and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

THE SONS OF LEVI were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And THE SONS OF Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Eleazar begat Phinehas,
Phinehas begat Abishua,

and Abishua begat Bukki, 5
 and Bukki begat Uzzi,
 and Uzzi begat Zerahiah, 6
 and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,
 Meraioth begat Amariah, 7
 and Amariah begat Ahitub,
 and Ahitub [2 Sam. viii. 17] begat Zadok, 8
 and Zadok [2 Sam. xv. 24] begat Ahimaaz,
 and Ahimaaz [2 Sam. xv. 27] begat Azariah, 9
 and Azariah [1 Kings iv. 2] begat Johanan,
 and Johanan begat Azariah. He it was that was priest in 10
 the House that Solomon built in Jerusalem.
 And Azariah begat Amariah, 11
 and Amariah [2 Chron. xix. 11] begat Ahitub,
 and Ahitub begat Zadok, 12
 and Zadok [2 Kings xv. 33] begat Shallum,
 and Shallum begat Hilkiah [2 Kings xviii. 18]. 13
 and Hilkiah [2 Kings xxii. 4] begat Azariah,
 and Azariah [2 Chron. xxxi. 10] begat Seraiah, 14
 and Seraiah [2 Kings xxv. 18] begat Jehozadak, and Je- 15
 hozadak went into the captivity of Jehovah, with Judah
 and Jerusalem, by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

THE SONS OF LEVI ; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.— 16
 And these are the names of the sons of Gershom ; Libni, 17
 and Shimei.—And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and 18
 Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.—The sons of Merari were 19
 Mahli, and Mushi.

And these were the families of the Levites according to 20
 their fathers. Of GERSHOM ;
 Libni his son,
 Jahath his son,
 Zimmah his son,
 Joah his son, 21
 Iddo his son,
 Zerah his son,
 Jeaterai his son.

The sons of KOHATH ; 22
 Amminadab his son,
 Korah his son,
 Assir his son,
 Elkanah his son, 23
 and Abiasaph his son,

and Assir his son,
Tahath his son,
Uriel his son, [1 Chron. xv. 5],
Uzziah his son,
and Shaul his son.

And the sons of Elkanah ; Amasai, and Ahimoth.
As for Elkanah ; the sons of Elkanah were,
Zuphai his son,
and Nahath his son,
Eliab his son,
Jeroham his son [1 Sam. i. 1],
Elkanah his son.

And the sons of Samuel ; the firstborn, and the second,
even Abiah [1 Sam. viii. 2].

The sons of MERARI ;
Mahli,
Libni his son,
Shimei his son,
Uzza his son,
Shimea his son,
Haggiah his son,
Asaiah his son [1 Chron. xv. 6].

And these are they whom David set over the service of
song in the House of Jehovah, after that the Ark had rest.
And they ministered before the tabernacle of the Tent of
Meeting with singing, until Solomon had built the House
of Jehovah in Jerusalem ; and they waited on their office
according to their order. And these are they that waited
with their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites ;
Heman the singer [1 Chron. xv. 17],
The son of Joel [1 Sam. viii. 2],
the son of Samuel [1 Sam. i. 20],
the son of Elkanah [1 Sam. i. 1],
the son of Jeroham,
the son of Eliel,
the son of Toah,
the son of Zuph [1 Sam. i. 1],
The son of Elkanah,
the son of Mahath,
the son of Amasai,
the son of Elkanah,
the son of Joel,

the son of Azariah,
 the son of Zephaniah,
 the son of Tahath, 37
 the son of Assir,
 the son of Abiasaph,
 the son of Korah,
 the son of Izhar, 38
 the son of Kohath,
 the son of Levi,
 the son of Israel.

And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, 39
 even Asaph [1 Chron. xv. 17],
 the son of Berachiah,
 the son of Shimea,
 the son of Michael, 40
 the son of Baaseiah,
 the son of Malchiah,
 the son of Ethni, 41
 the son of Zerah,
 the son of Adaiah,
 the son of Ethan, 42
 the son of Zimmah,
 the son of Shimei,
 the son of Jahath, 43
 the son of Gershom,
 the son of Levi.

And their brethren the sons of Merari stood on the left 44
 hand ; Ethan [1 Chron. xv. 17],
 the son of Kishi,
 the son of Abdi,
 the son of Malluch, 45
 the son of Hashabiah,
 the son of Amaziah,
 the son of Hilkiah,
 the son of Amzi, 46
 the son of Bani,
 the son of Shamer,
 the son of Mahli, 47
 the son of Mushi,
 the son of Merari,
 the son of Levi.

Their brethren also the Levites were appointed to all the 48
 service of the Tabernacle of the House of God.

⁴⁹ But Aaron and his sons burned incense upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the Holy of Holies, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

⁵⁰ And these are the sons of Aaron ;

Eleazar his son,
Phinehas his son,
Abishua his son,

⁵¹ Bukki his son,
Uzzi his son,
Zerahiah his son,

⁵² Meraioth his son,
Amariah his son,
Ahitub, his son,

⁵³ Zadok his son,
Ahimaaz his son,

⁵⁴ And these are their dwelling places throughout their strongholds in their boundaries, for the sons of Aaron, of
⁵⁵ the families of the Kohathites ; for it was their lot. And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its
⁵⁶ pasture lands round about it. But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

⁵⁷ And to the sons of Aaron they gave these cities [of Judah], Hebron for a refuge,
and Libnah with its pasture lands,
and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their pasture lands,

⁵⁸ and Hilen with its pasture lands,
Debir with its pasture lands,
⁵⁹ and Ashan with its pasture lands,
and Beth-shemesh with its pasture lands ;

⁶⁰ and out of the tribe of Benjamin,
Geba with its pasture lands,
and Alemeth with its pasture lands,
and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their cities among their families were thirteen cities.

⁶¹ And to the sons of Kohath, who were left of the family of that tribe, were given out of the Half Tribe, namely, the half of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

⁶² And to the sons of Gershom for their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out

of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, for their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children, of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands. And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which have been mentioned by name.

And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities and their boundaries out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they gave to them as cities, Shechem, in the hill country of Ephraim, with its pasture lands for a refuge, and Gezer with its pasture lands, and Jokmeam with its pasture lands, and Beth-horon with its pasture lands, and Ajalon with its pasture lands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands ; and out of the Half Tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasture lands, and Bileam with its pasture lands, for the remaining families of the sons of Kohath.

Unto the sons of Gershom were given out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands, and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands ;

and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands, and Ramoth with its pasture lands, and Anem with its pasture lands ;

And out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its pasture lands, and Abdon with its pasture lands, and Hukok with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands ;

and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, and Hammon with its pasture lands, and Kirjathaim with its pasture lands.

Unto the rest of the children of Merari were given out

of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with its pasture lands,
Tabor with its pasture lands ;

⁷⁸ and on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the desert with its pasture lands, and Jahazah with its pasture lands,

⁷⁹ and Kedemoth with its pasture lands,
and Mephaath with its pasture lands ;

⁸⁰ and out of the tribe of Gad,
Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands,
and Mahanaim with its pasture lands,

⁸¹ and Heshbon with its pasture lands,

---and Jazer with its pasture lands,

¹ NOW THE SONS OF ISSACHAR were Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

² And the sons of Tola ; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola ; they were warriors of might, whose number in their birth-book was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

³ And the sons of Uzzi ; Izrahiah (with the sons of Izrahiah), Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five ; all

⁴ of them chief men. And with them, in their birth-book, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men ; for they had many

⁵ wives and sons. And their brethren among all the families of Issachar were warriors of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies eighty and seven thousand.

⁶ OF BENJAMIN were Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

⁷ And the sons of Bela ; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five ; heads of the house of their fathers, warriors of valour ; and they were reckoned by their genea-

⁸ logies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. And the sons of Becher ; Zemira, and Josh, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher.

⁹ And they were reckoned by their genealogy after their birth-book, heads of the house of their fathers, warriors

¹⁰ of valour, twenty thousand and two hundred. The sons also of Jediael ; Bilhan ; and the sons of Bilhan ; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan,

¹¹ and Tharshish, and Ahishahar. All these the sons of

Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, warriors of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred, fit to go out to war for battle. Shuppim also, and Huppim, the sons ¹² of Ir ; Hushim, the sons of Aher.

THE SONS OF NAPHTALI were Jahziel, and Guni, and ¹³ Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

THE SONS OF MANASSEH were Ashriel, whom [his wife] ¹⁴ bare ; (but his concubine the Syrian bare Machir the father of Gilead. And Machir took to wife [the sister] ¹⁵ of Huppim and Shuppim, whose name was Maachah.) And the name of the second was Zelophehad. And Zelophehad had daughters. And Maachah the wife of Machir ¹⁶ bare a son, and she called his name Peresh ; and the name of his brother was Sheresh. And his sons were Ulam and Rakem. And the sons of Ulam ; Bedan. These ¹⁷ were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. And his sister Moleketh bare Ishod, and ¹⁸ Abiezer, and Mahalah.—And the sons of Shemidah were ¹⁹ Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

And THE SONS OF EPHRAIM were Shuthelah, ²⁰
and Bered his son,
and Tahath his son,
and Eladah his son,
and Tahath his son,
and Zabad his son, ²¹
and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead. And them the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. And Ephraim ²² their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. And when he went in to his wife, she ²³ conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah [or In Evil], because it went evil with his house. (And ²⁴ his daughter was Sherah, who built Beth-horon the Lower, and the Upper, and Uzzen-sherah.)
And Rephah was his son, also Resheph, ²⁵
and Telah his son,
and Tahan his son,
Laadan his son, ²⁶
Ammihud his son,
Elishama his son,
Nun his son, ²⁷
Joshua his son,

²⁸ And their possessions and habitations were, Beth-el and its suburbs, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with its suburbs ; Shechem also and its suburbs, unto Ai
²⁹ and its suburbs ; and by the side of the sons of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its suburbs, Taanach and its suburbs, Megiddo and its suburbs, Dor and its suburbs. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

³⁰ The SONS of ASHER were Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

³¹ And the sons of Beriah were Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzavith.

³² And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

³³ And the sons of Japhlet were Pasach, and Bimhal, and

³⁴ Ashvath. These were the sons of Japhlet.—And the sons of Shomer his brother were Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

³⁵—And the sons of his brother Helem were Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

³⁶ The sons of Zophah ; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual,

³⁷ and Beri, and Imrah, Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and

³⁸ Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.—And the sons of Jether ;

³⁹ Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.—And the sons of Ulla ;

⁴⁰ Arah, and Haniel and Rezia.—All these were the sons of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice warriors of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to—battle was twenty and six thousand men.

¹ BENJAMIN ALSO BEGAT Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the

² second, and Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth, and

³ Rapha the fifth. And the sons of Bela were Addar, and

⁴ Gera, and Abihud, and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

⁵ and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.

⁶ And these were the sons of Ehud [the son of Gera] ; these were the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba,

⁷ and they removed them to Manaheth, even Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera ; he removed these, and begat Uzza, and

⁸ Abihud. And he early begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away. Hushim and Baara

⁹ were his wives. And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jo-

¹⁰ bab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the

¹¹ fathers. And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

The sons of Elpaal ; Eber, and Misham, and Shamer, ¹²
 who built Ono, and Lydda, with their suburbs ; Beriah ¹³
 also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the in-
 habitants of Ajalon, who drove away the inhabitants of
 Gath ; and their brethren were Shashak, and Jeremoth.— ¹⁴
 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, and Michael, and ¹⁶
 Ispah, and Joha, were the sons of Beriah ; and Zebadiah, ¹⁷
 and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, Ishmerai also, ¹⁸
 and Jezliah, and Jobah, were the sons of Elpaal ; and Ja- ¹⁹
 kim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, and Elienai, and Zilthai, and ²⁰
 Eliel, and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, were the ²¹
 sons of Shimhi [or Shema] ; and Ishpan, and Heber, and ²²
 Eliel, and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, and Hananiah, ²⁴
 and Elam, and Anthothijah, and Iphedeiah, and Penuel, ²⁵
 were the sons of Shashak ;—and Shamsherai, and She- ²⁶
 hariah, and Athaliah, and Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, ²⁷
 were the sons of Jeroham [or Jeremoth]. These were ²⁸
 heads of the fathers after their birth-book, chief men.
 These dwelt in Jerusalem.

And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon whose wife's ²⁹
 name was Maachah ; and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, ³⁰
 and Kish, and Baal, [and Ner,] and Nadab, and Gedor, and ³¹
 Ahio, [and Mikloth,] and Zacher [or Zechariah].
 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. (And they also dwelt with ³²
 their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren.)
 And Ner begat Kish ; ³³
 and Kish begat SAUL ; and Saul begat Jonathan, and
 Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and ISH-BAAL ;
 and the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal [2 Sam. iv. 4] ; ³⁴
 and Merib-baal begat Micah ; and the sons of Micah were, ³⁵
 Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz ;
 and Ahaz begat Jehoadah ; ³⁶
 and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri ;
 and Zimri begat Moza ;
 and Moza begat Binea ; ³⁷
 Rapha was his son ;
 Eleasah his son ;
 Azel his son ; and Azel had six sons, whose names are ³⁸
 these, Azrikam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah,
 and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of ³⁹
 Azel.—And the sons of Eshek his brother were Ulam his
 firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

⁴⁰ And the sons of Ulam were warriors of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty.—All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

¹ So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies. And, behold, such as had been carried away to Babylon for their transgression were written in the Book of the kings of Israel and Judah, even the former inhabitants that were in their possessions in their cities, the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethins [or Temple-servants.] [B.C. 537.]

³ And in Jerusalem there dwelt some of the children of Judah and some of the children of Benjamin, and some of ⁴ the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh ; Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of ⁵ Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah ; and of ⁶ the Shilonites ; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons ; and of the sons of Zarah ; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety ;—and of the sons of Benjamin ; Sallu, the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of ⁸ Hasenuah, and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah ; ⁹ and their brethren, according to their birth-book, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

¹⁰ And of the Priests ; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin ; ¹¹ and Azariah [1 Chron. vi. 14] the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the ¹² son of Ahitub, the ruler of the House of God ; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of ¹³ Immer ; and their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and sixty ; very able men for the work of the service of the House of God.

¹⁴ And of the Levites ; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of ¹⁵ Merari ; and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah ¹⁶ the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph ; and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. And the gate-keepers were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, ¹⁷ and Ahiman, and their brethren ; Shallum was the chief,

who hitherto waited at the king's gate eastward. These ¹⁸ sons of Levi were gate-keepers in the camps [or courts]. And Shallum the son of Core, the son of Abiasaph, ¹⁹ the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, door-keepers of the Tent [or House]; and their fathers, being over the camp [or court] of Jehovah, were keepers of the entry. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar had been the ²⁰ ruler over them in time past, and Jehovah was with him. And Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gate-keeper of ²¹ the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. All these who were ²² chosen to be gate-keepers at the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer had ordained in their office of trust. So they and their sons had the ²³ charge of the gates of the House of Jehovah, namely the House of the Tent, by watches. At the four quarters were ²⁴ the gate-keepers, toward the east, west, north, and south. And their brethren, who were in their villages, were to ²⁵ come after seven days from time to time with them. For ²⁶ in this office of trust there were these Levites, the four chief gate-keepers; and they were over the chambers and treasures of the House of God.

And they lodged round about the House of God because ²⁷ the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning belonged to them. And some of them had the ²⁸ charge of the vessels of the service, that they should bring them in by tale, and carry them away by tale. Some of ²⁹ them also were appointed over the vessels, and all the instruments of the Holy Place, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. And some of the sons of the priests mixed the ointment ³⁰ of spices. And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was ³¹ the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in the office of trust over the things that were made in the pans. And ³² other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the Ceremonial Bread, to prepare it every sabbath. And as to these matters the singers, the chiefs of the ³³ fathers of the Levites, who remained in the chambers were free; for they were employed on their work day and night. These chief fathers of the Levites were chief according to ³⁴ their birth-book; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose
¹⁶ wife's name was Maachah ; and his firstborn son was Abdon,
¹⁷ then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, and
¹⁸ Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. And
Mikloth begat Shimeam. (And they also dwelt with their
brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren.)

⁹ And Ner begat Kish [1 Sam. ix. 1] ;
and Kish begat Saul ;—and Saul begat
Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and ISH-BAAL ;
⁰ and the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal ;

¹ and Merib-baal begat Micah ;—and the sons of Micah were
Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, [and Ahaz] ;

² and Ahaz begat Jarah ;
and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri ;
and Zimri begat Moza ;

³ and Moza begat Binea ;
and Rephaiah was his son ;
Eleasah his son ;

⁴ Azel his son ; and Azel had six sons, who names are
these, Azrikam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah,
—and Obadiah, and Hanan ; these were the sons of Azel.

¹ NOW THE PHILISTINES fought against Israel ; and the
men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down
² slain in the hill country of Gilboa. And the Philistines fol-
lowed hard after Saul, and after his sons ; and the Philis-
tines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the
³ sons of Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul, and
the archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers.
⁴ Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, ‘Draw thy sword,
‘and thrust me through therewith ; lest these uncircum-
‘cised come and make sport of me.’ But his armour-bearer
would not ; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took the
⁵ sword, and fell upon it. And when his armour-bearer saw
that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.
⁶ So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died
together. And when all the men of Israel that were in the
valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were
dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled ; and the
Philistines came and dwelt in them.

¹ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines
came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons

fallen in the hill country of Gilboa. And when they had⁹ stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry good tidings to their idols and to the people. And they put his¹⁰ armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his skull in the temple of Dagon.

And all Jabesh in Gilead heard all that the Philistines had¹¹ done to Saul ; and they arose, all the valiant men, and took¹² away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. So Saul died for his¹³ transgression which he committed against Jehovah, even against the word of Jehovah, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of a speaking bottle [or ventriloquist], to inquire of it ; and he inquired not of Jehovah ; therefore¹⁴ He slew him, and turned the kingdom [of Judah] unto David the son of Jesse [B.C. 1016].

Then all Israel gathered themselves to DAVID unto¹ Hebron, saying, ' Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. ' And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king,² ' thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel ; ' and Jehovah thy God said to thee, Thou shalt feed my ' people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people ' Israel.' Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king³ to Hebron ; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah ; and they anointed David king over Israel [B.C. 1008], according to the word of Jehovah by the hand of Samuel.

And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem which is⁴ Jebus ; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David,⁵ ' Thou ' shalt not come hither.' Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is the city of David. And⁶ David said, ' Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall ' be chief and captain.' So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and he was chief. And David dwelt in the⁷ stronghold ; therefore they called it the city of David. And he built the city round about, even from Millo [or⁸ the castle] round about ; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. So David waxed greater and greater ; for Jehovah⁹ of hosts was with him.

These also are the CHIEFS OF THE WARRIORS whom David¹⁰ had, who strengthened themselves with him in his king-

dom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to
¹¹ the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. And this is the
number of the warriors whom David had ; Jashobeam the
son of Hachmoni, the chief of the chiefs-of-three [or
chariot warriors] ; he lifted up his spear against three
¹² hundred slain by him at one time. And after him was
Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of
¹³ the three warriors. He was with David at Pas-dammin,
and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle,
where was a parcel of ground full of barley ; and the people
⁴ fled from before the Philistines. And they set themselves
in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the
Philistines ; and Jehovah saved them by a great deliver-
⁵ ance. Now three of the thirty captains went down to the
rock to David, into the cave near Adullam ; and the host
⁶ of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Giants. And
David was then in the stronghold, and the Philistines'
⁷ garrison was then at Beth-lehem. And David longed, and
said, 'Oh that one would give me drink of the water of
⁸ 'the well of Beth-lehem, that is at the city gate !' And
the three brake through the camp of the Philistines,
and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was
by the city gate, and took it, and brought it to David.
But David would not drink it, but poured it out to Jeho-
⁹ vah, and said, 'May my God forbid it me, that I should
'do this thing. Shall I drink the blood of these men
'with their lives ? for with their lives have they brought
'it.' Therefore he would not drink it. These things did
¹⁰ these three warriors. And Abishai the brother of Joab,
he was chief of the three ; for lifting up his spear against
three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the
¹ three. Of the three, he was more honourable than the
two ; for he was their captain.
² And unto the three attained not Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had
done many acts. He slew two lion-like men of Moab ;
also he went down and slew the lion in a pit on a snowy
³ day. And he slew the Egyptian, a man of great stature,
fivecubits high ; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like
a weaver's beam ; and he went down to him with a staff,
and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew
him with his own spear. These things did Benaiah the son

of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three warriors.
Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained ²⁵
not to the three ; and David set him over his counsel.

Also the warriors of the armies were, ²⁶
Asahel the brother of Joab [2 Sam. ii. 18],
Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, ²⁷
Shammoth the Harorite,
Helez the Pelonite,
Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, ²⁸
Abiezer the Antothite,
Sibbecai the Hushathite, ²⁹
Ilai the Ahohite,
Maharai the Netophathite, ³⁰
Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,
Ithai the son of Ribai, of Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, ³¹
Benaiah the Pirathonite,
Hurai of the valleys of Gaash, ³²
Abiel the Arabathite, ,
Azmaveth the Baharumite, ³³
Eliabba the Shaalbonite,
the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, ³⁴
Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,
Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, ³⁵
Eliphal the son of Ur,
Hepher the Mecherathite, ³⁶
Ahijah the Pelonite,
Hezro the Carmelite, ³⁷
Naarai the son of Ezbai,
Joel the brother of Nathan, ³⁸
Mibhar the son of a Hagarite,
Zelek the Ammonite, ³⁹
Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son
of Zeruiah,
Ira the Ithrite, ⁴⁰
Gareb the Ithrite,
Uriah the Hittite [2 Sam. xi. 3], ⁴¹
Zabad the son of Ahlai,
Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reu- ⁴²
benites, and thirty with him,
Hanan the son of Maachah, ⁴³
and Joshaphat the Mithnite,
Uzzia the Ashterathite. ⁴⁴

Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
⁵ Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,
¹⁶ Eliel the Mahavite,
 and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam,
 and Ithmah the Moabite,
⁷ Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

— Now these are THEY THAT CAME TO DAVID to Ziklag,
¹ while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of
 Kish; and they were among the warriors, helpers of the
² war. They were armed with bows, and could use both
 the right hand and the left for stones and for arrows out
³ of a bow. They were of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.
 The chief were Ahiezer and Joash, the sons of Shemaah
 the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azma-
⁴ veth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite and Ismaiah
 the Gibeonite, a warrior among the thirty, and over the
 thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and
⁵ Josabad the Gederathite, Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Baal-
 iah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,
⁶ Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jasho-
⁷ beam, the Korahites, and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of
 Jeroham of Gedor.

⁸ And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto
 David, into the stronghold to the desert, warriors of
 might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could
 handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces
 of lions, and were as roes upon the mountains for swift-
 ness;

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| ⁹ Ezer the first, | Eliel the seventh. |
| Obadiah the second, | ¹² Johanan the eighth, |
| Eliab the third, | Elzabad the ninth, |
| ¹⁰ Mishmannah the fourth, | ¹³ Jeremiah the tenth, |
| Jeremiah the fifth, | Machbanai the eleventh. |

¹ Attai the sixth,

⁴ These were of the sons of Gad, chiefs of the host; one of
 the least was as good as a hundred, and the greatest as a
⁵ thousand. These are they that crossed over the Jordan
 in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks;
 and they put to flight all them of the valley, both toward
 the east, and toward the west.

⁶ And there came some of the sons of Benjamin and
⁷ Judah to the stronghold unto David. And David went

out to meet them, and answered and said to them, 'If ye
'be come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be-
'come one with you ; but if ye be come to betray me to
'mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in my hands, may
'the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.' Then ¹⁸
the spirit came over Amasai, the chief of the chiefs-of-
three, [and he said,]

'Unto thee, O David, and with thee, O son of Jesse, be
peace ;

'Peace be to thee, and peace be to thy helpers ;

'For thy God hath helped thee.'

Then David received them, and made them captains of
the troop.

And there revolted some of Manasseh to David, when ¹⁹
he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle. (But
he helped them not ; for the lords of the Philistines upon
advice sent him away, saying, 'He will revolt to his master
'Saul against our heads.') As he went to Ziklag, there ²⁰
revolted to him from Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and
Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai,
chiefs of the thousands that were of Manasseh. And they ²¹
helped David against the troop [of Amalekites] ; for they
were all warriors of valour, and were captains in the host.
For at that time day by day they came to David to help ²²
him, until they were a great camp, like a camp of God.

And these are the NUMBERS OF THE CHIEFS that were ²³
ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron,
to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the
command of Jehovah.

The sons of Judah that bare shield and spear were six ²⁴
thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.

Of the sons of Simeon, warriors of valour for the war, ²⁵
seven thousand and one hundred.

Of the sons of Levi four thousand and six hundred. ²⁶

And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with ²⁷
him were three thousand and seven hundred ; and Zadok, ²⁸
a young warrior of valour, and of his father's house twenty
and two captains.

And of the sons of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, ²⁹
three thousand ; for hitherto the greatest part of them
had kept guard over the house of Saul.

And of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight ³⁰

hundred, warriors of valour, men of name throughout the house of their fathers.

³¹ And of the Half Tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were appointed by name, to come and make David king.

³² And of the sons of Issachar, who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do ; the heads of them were two hundred ; and all their brethren were at their command.

³³ Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, trained to war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, who could keep rank ; they were not of double heart.

³⁴ And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them thirty and seven thousand with shield and spear.

³⁵ And of the Danites trained to war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

³⁶ And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, trained to war, forty thousand.

³⁷ And from the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and of the Gadites, and of the Half Tribe of Manasseh, with all instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

³⁸ All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel ; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking ; for their brethren had prepared for them. Moreover they that were friendly to them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and as food, meal, cakes of figs, and cakes of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly ; —for there was joy in Israel.

¹ And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. And David said to all the assembly of Israel, ‘ If it seem good to you, and it be of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad to our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites who are in the cities of their pasture lands, that they may gather themselves unto us ; and let us carry about the Ark of our God among us ; for we inquired not at it in the days

‘ of Saul.’ And all the assembly said that they would do so ; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 4

So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor [or Nile] of Egypt even unto the Pass of Hamath, to bring the Ark of God from the city of Jearim. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalath, that is, to the City of Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the Ark of God, of Jehovah who dwelleth between the cherubs, by whose name it is called. And they carried the Ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab ; and Uzza and his brother drove the cart. And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 5 6 7 8

And when they came to the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the Ark ; for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the Ark ; and there he died before God. And David was displeased, because Jehovah had made a breach upon Uzza ; wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza [or the Breach of Uzza] to this day. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, ‘ How shall I bring the Ark of God home to me ?’ So David removed not the Ark to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the Ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had. — 9 10 11 12 13

Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with workmen for stone walls and workmen in wood, to build him a house. And David perceived that Jehovah had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel. 1 2

And David took more wives at Jerusalem ; and David begat more sons and daughters. Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem ; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, and Ibhaz, and Elishua, and Elpalet, and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhai, and Elishama, and Baaliada, and Eliphalet. And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against 3 4 5 6 7 8

⁹ them. And the Philistines came and spread themselves
¹⁰ in the valley of Giants. And David inquired of God,
saying, 'Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt
'thou deliver them into my hand?' And Jehovah said
to him, 'Go up; for I will deliver them into thy hand.'
¹¹ So they came up to Baal-perezim; and David smote them
there. Then David said, 'God hath broken in upon mine
'enemies by my hand like the breaking forth of waters.'
Therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perezim
¹² [or — of Breaking forth]. And they had left their gods
there; and David gave a command, and they were burned
with fire.

¹³ And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad
¹⁴ in the valley. Therefore David inquired again of God; and
God said to him, 'Go not up after them; go round away
'from them, and come upon them over against the balsam
¹⁵ 'trees. And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of
'marching on the tops of the balsam trees, that then thou
'shalt go out to battle; for God is gone forth before thee
¹⁶ 'to smite the camp of the Philistines.' David therefore
did as God commanded him; and they smote the camp of
¹⁷ the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. And the name
of David went out into all lands; and Jehovah brought
—the fear of him upon all the nations.

¹ And [David] made for himself houses in the city of
David, and prepared a place for the Ark of God, and
² pitched for it a tent. Then David said, 'None ought to
'carry the Ark of God but the Levites; for them hath
'Jehovah chosen to carry the Ark of God, and to minister
³ 'unto him for ever.' And David assembled all Israel in
Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of Jehovah to its place,
⁴ which he had prepared for it. And David gathered to-
gether the sons of Aaron, and the Levites;
⁵ Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren
a hundred and twenty;
⁶ Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren
two hundred and twenty;
⁷ Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren
a hundred and thirty;
⁸ Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his
brethren two hundred;

Of the sons of Hebron ; Eliel the chief, and his brethren ⁹
eighty ;

Of the sons of Uzziel ; Amminadab the chief, and his ¹⁰
brethren a hundred and twelve.

And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the Priests, ¹¹
and for the Levites, Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and
Eliel, and Amminadab. And he said to them, ‘ Ye are ¹²
‘ the chief of the fathers of the Levites ; sanctify yourselves,
‘ both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the
‘ Ark of Jehovah the God of Israel to the place that I
‘ have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the ¹³
‘ first, Jehovah our God made a breach upon us, for that
‘ we sought him not after the due order.’ So the priests ¹⁴
and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the Ark
of Jehovah the God of Israel. And the sons of the Le- ¹⁵
vites bare the Ark of God upon their shoulders with the
staves thereon, as Moses had commanded according to the
word of Jehovah. And David spake to the chief of the ¹⁶
Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with
instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals,
who should sound by lifting up the voice with joy. So ¹⁷
the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel ; and of his
brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah ; and of the sons of
Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah ; and ¹⁸
with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah,
Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and
Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah,
and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel,
the gate-keepers. And the singers, Heman, Asaph, and ¹⁹
Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of copper ;
and Zechariah, and Aziel, and *Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, ²⁰
and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with
psalteries as for female voices ; and Mattithiah, and Eli- ²¹
pheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and
Azaziah, with harps on the [lower] octave, to be chiefs.
And Chenaniah was chief of the Levites in leading the ²²
song ; he instructed in leading the song, because he was
skilful. And Berechiah and Elkanah were gate-keepers ²³
for the Ark. And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Ne- ²⁴
thaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and
Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the

Ark of God ; and Obed-edom and Jehiah were gate-keepers for the Ark.

²⁵ So David and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of
²⁶ Jehovah out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, that they sacrificed seven
²⁷ bullocks and seven rams. And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the Ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master in leading the song with the singers. David also had upon him an Ephod
²⁸ [or priestly dress] of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

²⁹ And it came to pass, as the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David skipping—about and playing ; and she despised him in her heart.

¹ So they brought the Ark of God, and set it in the midst of the Tent that David had pitched for it ; and they
² brought burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. And when David had made an end of offering up the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the
³ name of Jehovah. And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a circular loaf of bread,
⁴ and a measure [of wine], and a raisin cake. And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the Ark of Jehovah, and to make mention of the doings, and to give thanks, and to speak the praises of Jehovah the God of
⁵ Israel ; Asaph, the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom ; and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps. And Asaph made a sound with cymbals ;
⁶ and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets, continually before the Ark of the Covenant of God.

⁷ Then first on that day David delivered [this psalm] to thank Jehovah into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

⁸ ‘ Give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name,

‘ Make known his deeds among the peoples.

⁹ ‘ Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him,

‘ Meditate ye on all his wondrous works.

- ' Glory ye in his holy name ; 10
 ' Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.
 ' Seek Jehovah and his strength, seek his face continually. 11
 ' Remember his marvellous works that were done, 12
 ' His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.
 ' O ye seed of Israel his servant, 13
 ' Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
 ' He is Jehovah our God ; 14
 ' His judgments are on all the earth.
 ' Remember his covenant for ever, 15
 ' The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
 ' Which he bargained with Abraham, and sware unto Isaac. 16
 ' And he confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute, 17
 ' To Israel for an everlasting covenant, saying, 18
 ' Unto thee I give the land of Canaan,
 ' For the lines of your inheritance ;
 ' While ye were small in number, a few, and strangers in it. 19
 ' And when they went about from nation to nation, 20
 ' And from one kingdom to another people,
 ' He suffered no man to do them wrong ; 21
 ' Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes, [saying,]
 ' Touch not mine anointed ones, and hurt not my prophets. 22
 ' Sing unto Jehovah all the earth ; 23
 ' Spread the tidings of his salvation from day to day. 24
 ' Declare his glory among the Nations ;
 ' His marvellous works among all the peoples, 25
 ' For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised ;
 ' He also is to be feared above all gods. 26
 ' For all the gods of the peoples are idols ;
 ' But Jehovah made the heavens. 27
 ' Glory and honour are in his presence ;
 ' Strength and gladness are in his Place.
 ' Give unto Jehovah, ye families of the peoples, 28
 ' Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.
 ' Give unto Jehovah the glory due to his name ; 29
 ' Bring a meal-offering, and come into his presence ;
 ' Worship Jehovah in robes of holiness.
 ' Tremble before him all the earth ; 30
 ' Yea, the world is established so as not to be shaken.
 ' Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice ; 31
 ' And let men say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth.
 ' Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ; 32

‘Let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

33 ‘Then shall the trees of the forest sing before Jehovah,

‘Because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 ‘O give thanks unto Jehovah ; for he is good ;

‘For his kindness endureth for ever.

35 ‘And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,

‘And gather us together, and deliver us from the Nations,

‘To confess thy holy name, to triumph in thy praise.

36 ‘Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel from everlasting
‘to everlasting.’ And all the people said ‘Amen,’ and
praised Jehovah.

37 So he left there before the Ark of the Covenant of Jeho-
vah Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the Ark
38 continually, for every day’s work ; and Obed-edom with
their brethren, sixty and eight ; and Obed-edom the son
39 of Jeduthun and Hosah were gate-keepers ; and he left Zadok
the Priest and his brethren the priests, before the Taber-
nacle of Jehovah at the High Place [or altar] that was at
40 Gibeon, to offer up burnt offerings unto Jehovah upon the
altar of the burnt offering continually morning and even-
ing, and to do according to all that is written in the law
41 of Jehovah, which he commanded Israel ; and with them were
Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who
were appointed by name, to ‘*give thanks to Jehovah, for*
42 ‘*his kindness endureth for ever ;*’ and with them, Heman
and Jeduthun, were trumpets and cymbals for those that
should make a sound, and musical instruments of God.
43 And the sons of Jeduthun were at the gate. And all the
people departed every man to his house ; and David re-
turned to bless his house.

1 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that
David said to Nathan the prophet, ‘Lo, I dwell in a house
‘of cedars, but the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah is
2 ‘under curtains.’ Then Nathan said to David, ‘Do all
3 ‘that is in thy heart ; for God is with thee.’ And it came
to pass the same night, that the word of God came to
4 Nathan, saying, ‘Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith
‘Jehovah, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in ;
5 ‘for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I
‘brought up Israel unto this day ; but have gone from
6 ‘tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. Where-
‘soever I have walked about with all Israel, spake I a

‘word to any of the Judges of Israel, whom I commanded
‘to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a
‘house of cedars? Now therefore thus shalt thou say to 7
‘my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I took thee
‘from the sheep-cote, from following the sheep, that thou
‘shouldest be ruler over my people Israel ; and I have been 8
‘with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and I have
‘cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and I have
‘made for thee a name like the name of the great men
‘that are on the earth. Also I have ordained a place for 9
‘my people Israel, and have planted them, and they shall
‘dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more ;
‘neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any
‘more, as at the beginning. And since the time that I 10
‘commanded Judges to be over my people Israel, I have
‘moreover subdued all thine enemies.

‘Furthermore I tell thee that Jehovah will build for thee
‘a house. For it shall come to pass, when thy days are 11
‘fulfilled for thee to go to be with thy fathers, that I will
‘raise up thy seed after thee, who shall be one of thy sons ;
‘and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me a 12
‘House, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be 13
‘his father, and he shall be my son ; and I will not take
‘my kindness away from him, as I took it from him that
‘was before thee. But I will settle him in my House and 14
‘in my kingdom for ever ; and his throne shall be esta-
‘blished for ever.’ According to all these words, and 15
according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

And David the king came and sat before Jehovah, and 16
said, ‘Who am I, O Jehovah God, and what is my house,
‘that thou hast brought me hither? And yet this is a 17
‘small thing in thine eyes, O God ; for thou speakest of
‘thy servant’s house for a great while to come, and hast
‘regarded me as a succession of men of high degree,
‘O Jehovah God. What can David ask more of thee for 18
‘the honour of thy servant? For thou knowest thy ser-
‘vant. O Jehovah, for thy servant’s sake, and accord- 19
‘ing to thine own heart, hast thou done all this great-
‘ness, in making known all this greatness. O Jehovah, 20
‘there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside
‘thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
‘And what one nation on the earth is like thy people Israel, 21

‘whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make
‘unto thee a Name of greatness and terribleness, by driv-
‘ing out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast
22 ‘redeemed out of Lower Egypt? For thou didst make
‘thy people Israel to be thine own people for ever; and
23 ‘thou, O Jehovah, becamest their God. Therefore, now,
‘O Jehovah, let the thing that thou hast spoken concern-
‘ing thy servant and concerning his house be confirmed for
24 ‘ever; and do as thou hast said. Let it even be confirmed,
‘that thy Name may be magnified for ever, saying, Jeho-
‘vah of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel;
‘and let the house of David thy servant be established be-
25 ‘fore thee. For thou, O my God, hast revealed to the ear
‘of thy servant that thou wilt build for him a house; there-
‘fore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before
26 ‘thee. And now, O Jehovah, thou art God, and hast pro-
27 ‘mised this goodness to thy servant. Now it hath pleased
‘thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be
‘before thee for ever, since thou hast blessed it, O Jeho-
— ‘vah, and it will be blessed for ever.’

1 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its suburbs out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David’s servants, paying tribute.

3 And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river
4 Euphrates. And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand men on foot; David also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but
5 reserved of them for a hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand
6 men. Then David put [garrisons] in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David’s servants, paying tribute. Thus Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much copper, wherewith Solomon made the copper water-cistern, and the pillars, and the vessels of copper.

Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had⁹ smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to ask for peace of him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer was fighting against Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and copper. These also king David dedicated to Jehovah, with the¹¹ silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the Children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. More-¹² over Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. And he put garrisons in¹³ Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants.

Thus Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went. So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judg-¹⁴ ment and righteousness among all his people. And Joab¹⁵ the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud recorder. And Zadok the son of Ahitub,¹⁶ and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was¹⁷ over the axe-bearers and the runners; and the sons of David were chief at the side of the king.

Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of¹ the Children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. And David said, 'I will show kindness to Hanun² 'the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to 'me.' And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the Children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of the Children of Ammon said to³ Hanun, 'Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, 'that he hath sent comforters to thee? Are not his servants 'come to thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy 'out the land?' Therefore Hanun took David's servants,⁴ and shaved them, and cut off their garments in half at their middle, and sent them away. Then some went, and told⁵ David about the men. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, 'Tarry at 'Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.'

And when the Children of Ammon saw that they had⁶ made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the Children of Ammon sent a thousand Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver to hire for them chariots and horsemen out of

Syria of the Rivers, and out of Syria of Maachah, and out
7 of Zobah. So they hired for themselves two and thirty
thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his
people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the
Children of Ammon gathered themselves together from
8 their cities, and came to battle. And when David heard
9 of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the warriors. And
the Children of Ammon came out and put the battle in
array at the entrance into the city; and the kings that
10 were come were by themselves in the field. Now when
Joab saw that there was a front of the battle against him
both before and behind, he chose men out of all the
choice of Israel, and put them in array against the
11 Syrians. And the rest of the people he delivered unto
the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves
12 in array against the Children of Ammon. And he said,
· If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help
· me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for
13 · thee, then I will help thee. Be of good courage, and
· let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for
· the cities of our God; and Jehovah will do what is good
14 · in his sight.' So Joab and the people that were with him
drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled
15 before him. And when the Children of Ammon saw that
the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his
brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to
Jerusalem.

16 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the
worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth
the Syrians that were beyond the River [Euphrates]; and
Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before
17 them. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel,
and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and he
set the battle in array against them. So when David had
put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought
18 with him. But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David
slew of the Syrians seven thousand men in chariots, and
forty thousand men on foot, and killed Shophach the cap-
19 tain of the host. And when the servants of Hadarezer
saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they
made peace with David, and became his servants; neither
—would the Syrians help the Children of Ammon any more.

And it came to pass, that at the time of the return of
 the year, at the time that kings go out [to battle], Joab
 led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country
 of the Children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rab-
 bah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote
 Rabbah, and destroyed it. And David took the crown
 of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a
 Kikar of gold, and there were precious stones in it, and
 it was set upon David's head. And he brought also ex-
 ceeding much spoil out of the city. And he brought out
 the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and
 with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David
 with all the cities of the Children of Ammon. And David
 and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at
 Gezer with the Philistines ; at which time Sibbechai the
 Hushathite slew Saphi, one of the children of the giant ;
 and they were subdued. And there was war again with
 the Philistines ; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi
 the brother of Goliath the Gathite, whose spear staff was
 like a weaver's beam. And yet again there was war at
 Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and
 toes were six and six, or four and twenty ; and he also was
 born of the giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan
 the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. These were
 born unto the giant in Gath ; and they fell by the hand of
 David, and by the hand of his servants.

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David
 to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the
 rulers of the people, ' Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba
 ' even to Dan ; and bring the number of them to me, that
 ' I may know it.' And Joab said, ' May Jehovah make his
 ' people a hundred times more than they are ; but, my lord
 ' the king, are they not all my lord's servants ? Why
 ' then doth my lord require this thing ? why will he be a
 ' cause of guilt to Israel ?' Nevertheless the king's word
 prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed, and
 went about throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.
 And Joab gave the sum of the register of the people to
 David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand
 and a hundred thousand men that drew sword ; and Judah

was four hundred and seventy thousand men that drew
6 sword. But Levi and Benjamin registered he not among
them ; for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 And God was displeased with this thing ; therefore he
8 smote Israel. And David said to God, 'I have sinned
'greatly, because I have done this thing ; but now, I
'beseech thee, take away the iniquity of thy servant ; for
9 'I have done very foolishly.' And Jehovah spake to
10 Gad, David's seer, saying, 'Go, and tell David, saying,
'Thus saith Jehovah, I offer thee three things ; choose to
11 'thee one of them, that I may do it to thee.' So Gad
came to David, and said to him, 'Thus saith Jehovah,
12 'Take to thee either three years' famine ; or three months
'to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of
'thine enemies overtaketh thee ; or else three days of the
'sword of Jehovah, even the pestilence, in the land, and
'the angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all the boun-
'daries of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what
13 'word I shall bring again to Him that sent me.' And
David said to Gad, 'I am in a great strait ; let me fall
'now into the hand of Jehovah ; for very many are his
'mercies ; but let me not fall into the hand of man.'

14 So Jehovah sent pestilence upon Israel ; and there fell
15 of Israel seventy thousand men. And God sent an angel
to Jerusalem to destroy it. And as he was destroying,
Jehovah beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and
said to the angel that destroyed, 'It is enough, stay now
'thy hand.' And the angel of Jehovah stood by the
16 threshing-floor of Ornan [or Araunah] the Jebusite. And
David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jehovah
standing between the earth and the heavens, having his
drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem.
Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell
17 upon their faces. And David said to God, 'Is it not I
'that commanded the people to be numbered ? even I it is
'that have sinned and done evil indeed ; but as for these
'sheep, what have they done ? Let thy hand, I pray thee,
'O Jehovah my God, be on me, and on my father's house ;
'but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.'

18 Then the angel of Jehovah commanded Gad to say to
David, that David should go up, and set up an altar to
19 Jehovah on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And

David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of Jehovah. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and then his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and he went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. Then David said to Ornan, 'Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar thereon unto Jehovah; thou shalt grant it me for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.' And Ornan said to David, 'Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. See, I will give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all.' And king David said to Ornan, 'Nay, but I will verily buy it for the full price; for I will not take that which is thine for Jehovah, nor offer up burnt offerings without cost.' So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred Shekels [or half ounces] of gold by weight. And David built there an altar to Jehovah, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon Jehovah. And He answered him by fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. And Jehovah commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into its sheath.

At that time when David saw that Jehovah had answered him on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the tabernacle of Jehovah, which Moses had made in the desert, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that time on the High Place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of Jehovah. —

Then David said, 'Here shall be the House of Jehovah God, and this shall be the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.' And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the House of God. And David prepared iron in abundance for the pivots for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and copper in abundance without weight; also cedar trees without number; for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. And David said, 'Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded

‘for Jehovah must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and
‘of glory throughout all countries ; I will therefore now
‘make preparation for it.’ So David prepared abundantly
before his death.

- ⁶ Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to
⁷ build a House for Jehovah the God of Israel. And David
said to Solomon, ‘My son, as for me, it was in my mind
‘to build a House unto the Name of Jehovah my God.
⁸ ‘But the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Thou hast
‘shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars ; thou
‘shalt not build a House unto my Name, because thou
⁹ ‘hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Be-
‘hold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of
‘rest ; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round
‘about. For his name shall be Solomon [or Peaceable] ;
‘and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.
¹⁰ ‘He shall build a House for my Name ; and he shall be
‘my son, and I will be his father ; and I will establish the
¹¹ ‘throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.—Now, my son,
‘may Jehovah be with thee ; and may thou prosper, and
‘build the House of Jehovah thy God, as he hath said of
² ‘thee. So may Jehovah give thee wisdom and understand-
‘ing, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou
³ ‘mayest keep the law of Jehovah thy God. Then shalt
‘thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and
‘judgments which Jehovah commanded Moses concerning
‘Israel. Be strong, and of good courage ; fear not, nor be
⁴ ‘dismayed. Now, behold, in my poverty I have prepared
‘for the House of Jehovah gold to the weight of a hundred
‘thousand Kikars, and a thousand thousand Kikars of
‘silver ; and of copper and iron without weight, for it is
‘in abundance ; timber also and stone have I prepared ;
⁵ ‘and thou mayest add thereto. Moreover there are work-
‘men with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone
‘and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every
⁶ ‘manner of work. Of the gold, the silver, and the copper,
‘and the iron, there is no number. Arise, and be doing,
‘and may Jehovah be with thee.’
⁷ David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help
⁸ Solomon his son, [saying,] ‘Is not Jehovah your God with
‘you ? And hath he not given you rest on every side ? for
‘he hath given the inhabitants of the land into my hand ;

‘and the land is subdued before Jehovah, and before his
‘people. Now set your heart and your soul to seek Jehovah ¹⁰
‘your God ; arise therefore, and build ye the Sanctuary
‘of Jehovah God, to bring the Ark of the covenant of
‘Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the House that
‘is to be built to the name of Jehovah.’ —

So when David was old and full of days, he made Solo- ¹
mon his son king over Israel. And he gathered together ²
all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.
Now the LEVITES were numbered from the age of thirty ³
years and upwards ; and their number by their polls of the
males was thirty and eight thousand. ‘Of these’ [said ⁴
David] ‘twenty and four thousand are to be overseers of
‘the work of the House of Jehovah ; and six thousand
‘are to be officers and judges ; moreover four thousand are ⁵
‘to be gate-keepers ; and four thousand are to praise Je-
‘hovah with the instruments which I made to praise there-
‘with.’ And David divided them into courses among the ⁶
sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Of the Gershonites were Laadan, and Shimei.—The ⁷
sons of Laadan ; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and ⁸
Joel, three.—The sons of Shimei ; Shelomith, and Hazi- ⁹
el, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers
of [the family of] Laadan.—And the sons of Shimei ¹⁰
were Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four
were the sons of Shimei. And Jahath was the chief, and ¹¹
Zizah the second ; but Jeush and Beriah had not many
sons ; therefore they were in one register, according to
their father’s house.

The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and ¹²
Uzziel, four.—The sons of Amram ; Aaron and Moses. ¹³
And Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the
Holy of Holies, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense
before Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to bless in his
name for ever ; but of Moses the man of God, his sons ¹⁴
were named of the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses ¹⁵
were Gershom, and Eliezer. Of the sons of Gershom, ¹⁶
Shebuel was the chief. And the sons of Eliezer were ¹⁷
Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons ;
but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.—Of the sons ¹⁸
of Izhar ; Shelomith the chief.—Of the sons of Hebron ; ¹⁹
Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third,

⁰ and Jekameam the fourth.—Of the sons of Uzziel ; Micah the first, and Ishiah the second.

¹ The sons of Merari were Mahli, and Mushi.—The sons
² of Mahli were Eleazar, and Kish.—And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters ; and their brethren the sons
³ of Kish took them. The sons of Mushi were Mahli, and Ader, and Jeremoth, three.

⁴ These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers ; even the chief of the fathers, as they were registered by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the House of Jehovah, from the age of
⁵ twenty years and upward. For David said, ‘ Jehovah the
‘ God of Israel hath given rest to his people, that they
⁶ ‘ may dwell in Jerusalem for ever ; and also to the Levites,
‘ that they shall no more carry the Tabernacle nor any
⁷ ‘ vessels of it for its service.’ For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered from twenty years
⁸ old and above ; because their place was at the side of the sons of Aaron for the service of the House of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the
⁹ House of God ; both for the ceremonial bread, and for the fine flour for meal offering, whether for the unleavened wafers, or for the pan, or to be fried, and for all measures
¹⁰ of liquids and solids ; and to stand every morning to
¹¹ thank and praise Jehovah, and likewise at evening ; and to offer up all burnt offerings to Jehovah on the sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according as was commanded unto them, continually before
¹² Jehovah ; and that they should keep the charge of the Tent of Meeting, and the charge of the Holy Place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the
—service of the House of Jehovah.

¹ Now these are the COURSES OF THE SONS OF AARON. The sons of Aaron were Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and
² Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children ; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest’s office. And David distributed them,
³ both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.
⁴ And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar. And they were

divided into courses. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar of the house of their fathers. Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another. For the governors of the Holy Place, and the governors [of the house] of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the Priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites ; one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, 7
the second to Jedaiah, 8
the third to Harim, 9
the fourth to Seorim, 10
the fifth to Malchijah, 11
the sixth to Mijamin, 12
the seventh to Hakkoz, 13
the eighth to Abijah, 14
the ninth to Jeshual, 15
the tenth to Shecaniah, 16
the eleventh to Eliashib, 17
the twelfth to Jakim, 18
the thirteenth to Huppah, 19
the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 20
the fifteenth to Bilgah, 21
the sixteenth to Immer, 22
the seventeenth to Hezir, 23
the eighteenth to Aphses, 24
the nineteenth to Pethahiah, 25
the twentieth to Jehezkel, 26
the one and twentieth to Jachin, 27
the two and twentieth to Gamul, 28
the three and twentieth to Delaiah, 29
the four and twentieth to Maaziah. 30

These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the House of Jehovah, according to the ordinances made for them by the hand of Aaron their father, as Jehovah the God of Israel had commanded him.

And the REST OF THE SONS OF LEVI were these. Of the sons of Amram ; Shubael. Of the sons of Shubael ;

²¹ Jehdeiah. Of Rehabiah; of the son of Rehabiah, the
²² first was Ishiah.—Of the Izharites; Shelomoth. Of the
²³ sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.—And the sons [of Hebron];
 Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jeka-
²⁴ meam the fourth.—Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah. Of the
 sons of Micah; Shamir. The brother of Micah was Ishiah.

²⁵ Of the sons of Ishiah; Zechariah.

²⁶ The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the sons
²⁷ of Jaaziah; Beno. The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno,
²⁸ and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. Of Mahli came Eleazar,
²⁹ who had no sons. Of Kish; the son of Kish was Jerah-
³⁰ meel. The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Ader, and
 Jerimoth.

These were the sons of the Levites after the house of
³¹ their fathers. These likewise cast lots equally with their
 brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the
 king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers
 of the priests and Levites; even the chief fathers equally
 —with their younger brethren.

¹ Moreover David and the captains of the host separated
 to the service some of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman,
 and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with HARPS, with
 PSALTERIES, and with CYMBALS. And the number of the
² men for the work according to their service was;—of the
 sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and
 Asarelah, the sons of Asaph by the side of Asaph, who
³ prophesied by the side of the king;—of Jeduthun; the
 sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Ha-
 shabiah, and Mattithiah, six, by the side of their father
 Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks
⁴ and to praise Jehovah;—of Heman; the sons of Heman;
 Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Han-
 aniah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer,
⁵ Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazith. All these
 were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of
 God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman four-
 teen sons and three daughters.

⁶ All these were by the side of their fathers, Asaph, Je-
 duthun, and Heman, for song in the House of Jehovah,
 with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the
⁷ House of God, by the side of the king. So the number
 of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the

songs of Jehovah, even all that were skilful, was two hundred eighty and eight. And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the skilful as the scholar. 8

Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph. 9

The second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve.

The third to Zaccur, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 10

The fourth to Izri, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 11

The fifth to Nethaniah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 12

The sixth to Bukkiah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 13

The seventh to Jesharelah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 14

The eighth to Jeshaiiah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 15

The ninth to Mattaniah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 16

The tenth to Shimei, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 17

The eleventh to Azareel, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 18

The twelfth to Hashabiah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 19

The thirteenth to Shubael, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 20

The fourteenth to Mattithiah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 21

The fifteenth to Jeremoth, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 22

The sixteenth to Hananiah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 23

The seventeenth to Joshebekashah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 24

The eighteenth to Hanani, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 25

The nineteenth to Mallothi, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve. 26

- ²⁷ The twentieth to Eliathah, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
²⁸ The one and twentieth to Hothir, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
²⁹ The two and twentieth to Giddalti, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
³⁰ The three and twentieth to Mahaziroth, who with his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.
³¹ The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, who with his —sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

¹ Concerning the courses of the GATE-KEEPERS ; of the Korahites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons
² of Asaph. And the sons of Meshelemiah were Zechariah the firstborn, Jediahel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jath-
³ niel the fourth, Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth,
⁴ Elioenai the seventh.—And the sons of Obed-edom were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the
⁵ third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, Am-
⁶ miel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth ;
⁷ for God had blessed him. Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their
⁸ father ; for they were warriors of valour. The sons of Shemaiah ; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose
⁹ brethren were sons of valour, Elihu, and Semachiah. All these of the sons of Obed-edom, they and their sons and
¹⁰ their brethren, able men of strength for the service, were sixty and two of Obed-edom.—And Meshelemiah had sons
¹¹ and brethren, sons of valour, eighteen. Also Hosah, of the sons of Merari, had sons ; Simri the chief, (for though
¹² he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief,) Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brethren of Hosah were
¹³ thirteen. Among these were the courses of the gate-keepers, as the chief men, having wards jointly with their
¹⁴ brethren, to minister in the House of Jehovah.
¹⁵ And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah [or Meshelemiah]. Then for Zechariah his son, a counsellor of wisdom, they
¹⁶ cast lots ; and his lot came out northward. To Obed-edom southward ; and to his sons the House of the Stores [or the armoury]. To Shuppim and Hosah [the lot came

forth] westward, with the gate of Shallecheth [or the bridge], by the causeway that goeth up, ward jointly with ward. Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, 17 southward four a day, and toward the Store-rooms two and two. At Parbar [or the Lower City] westward, four 18 at the causeway, and two at Parbar. These are the 19 courses of the gate-keepers among the sons of the Korahites, and among the sons of Merari.

And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of 20 the House of God, and over the treasures of the holy things. Of the sons of Laadan, the sons of the Gershonite 21 Laadan, the chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli; the sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his 22 brother, who were over the treasures of the House of Jehovah.

Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, 23 of the Uzzielites;—and Shebucl the son of Gershom, the 24 son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures; and his brethren 25 by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the 26 treasures of the holy things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had made holy. They 27 made them holy, out of the spoils won in battle, to maintain the House of Jehovah. And all that Samuel the seer, 28 and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had made holy; and whosoever had made anything holy, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.—Of the Izharites, Chenaniah 29 and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.—Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and 30 his brethren, sons of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were over the offices of Israel, beyond the Jordan westward in all the business of Jehovah, and in the service of the king. Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, 31 even among the Hebronites, according to the birth-book of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them warriors of valour at Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, 32 sons of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reuben-

ites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every—matter pertaining to God or the king.

¹ Now the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, who came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, in each of the courses, were twenty and four thousand.

² Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel ; and in his course were twenty and four
³ thousand. One of the children of Pharez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

⁴ And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler ; in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

⁵ The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest ; and in his
⁶ course were twenty and four thousand. This is that Benaiah, who was a warrior among the thirty, and over the thirty ; and in his course was Ammizabad his son.

⁷ The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him ; and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

⁸ The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

⁹ The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesht the Tekoite ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

¹⁰ The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

¹¹ The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

¹² The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

¹³ The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

¹⁴ The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim ; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai¹⁵ the Netophathite, of Othniel; and in his course twenty and four thousand.

Furthermore over the TRIBES OF ISRAEL; the ruler of¹⁶ the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri;
of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;
of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel;¹⁷
of the Aaronites, Zadok;
of Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of David;¹⁸
of Issachar, Omri, the son of Michael;
of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah;¹⁹
of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;
of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah;²⁰
of the Half Tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;
of the Half Tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of²¹ Zechariah;
of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;
of Dan, Azareel the son of Jehoram.²²

These were the captains of the tribes of Israel. But²³ David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under; because Jehovah had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. Joab the son of²⁴ Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the numbering in the Chronicles of king David.

And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of²⁵ Adiel;—and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziah;—and over them that did the work of the²⁶ field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Cheleb;—and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite;—²⁷ over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shuppimite;—and over the olive trees and the²⁸ sycamore trees that were in the Low Country was Baalhanan the Gederite;—and over the cellars of oil was Joash;—and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the²⁹ Sharonite;—and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai; over the camels also was³⁰ Obil the Ishmaelite;—and over the she asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite;—and over the sheep and goats was Jaziz³¹ the Hagarite. All these were the stewards of the substance which was king David's. Also Jonathan David's³²

uncle was a counsellor ; he was a man of understanding, and a scribe. And Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the ³³ king's sons, and Ahithophel was the king's counsellor. And Hushai the Archite was the king's companion. And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and —Abiathar ; and the captain of the king's army was Joab.

¹ And David assembled all the captains of Israel, the captains of the tribes, and the captains of the courses that ministered to the king, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the chamberlains, and the warriors, even ² every warrior of valour, unto Jerusalem. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, 'Hear me, my brethren, and my people. I had in my heart to build a 'house of rest for the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, and 'for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the ³ 'building ; but God said to me, Thou shalt not build a 'house for my Name, because thou hast been a man of war, ⁴ 'and hast shed blood. Howbeit Jehovah the God of Israel 'chose me before all the house of my father to be king over 'Israel for ever. For he hath chosen Judah to be the 'ruler ; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father ; 'and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me ⁵ 'king over all Israel. And of all my sons (for Jehovah hath 'given me many sons), he hath chosen Solomon my son 'to sit upon the throne of Jehovah's kingdom over ⁶ 'Israel. And he said to me, Solomon thy son, he shall 'build my House and my courts ; for I have chosen him to ⁷ 'be my son, and I will be his father. Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my ⁸ 'commandments and my judgments, as at this day. Now 'therefore in the sight of all Israel the assembly of Jehovah, and in the hearing of our God, keep and seek for all 'the commandments of Jehovah your God ; so that ye may 'possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for ⁹ 'your children after you for ever. And thou, Solomon my 'son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with 'a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For Jehovah 'searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the fashions of 'the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of 'thee ; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for

‘ever. Take heed now ; for Jehovah hath chosen thee to¹⁰
‘build a house for the Sanctuary. Be strong, and do it.’

Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the¹¹
porch, and of the houses thereof, and of its treasures, and
of its upper chambers, and of its inner rooms, and of the
chamber for the Cover [of the Ark], and the pattern of¹²
all that he had in his mind, of the courts of the House of
Jehovah, and of all the chambers round about, of the
treasuries of the House of God, and of the treasures of
the holy things ; also for the courses of the priests and¹³
the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the
House of Jehovah, and for all the vessels of service in
the House of Jehovah. He gave gold by weight for¹⁴
things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of ser-
vice ; [silver also] for all instruments of silver by weight,
for all instruments of every kind of service ; even the¹⁵
weight for the lamp-stands of gold, and for their lamps of
gold, by weight for every lamp-stand, and for its lamps ;
and for the lamp-stands of silver by weight, both for the
lamp-stand, and also for its lamps, according to the use
of every lamp-stand. And by weight he gave gold for the¹⁶
ceremonial tables, for every table ; and likewise silver for
the tables of silver ; also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and¹⁷
the sprinkling buckets, and the cups ; and for the golden
cups with covers [he gave gold] by weight for every covered
cup ; and [silver] by weight for every covered cup of sil-
ver ; and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight ;¹⁸
and gold for the pattern of the [cover of the Ark, or]
chariot of the cherubs, that spread out and overshadowed
the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah. ‘All this,’ [said¹⁹
David] ‘Jehovah made me understand in writing by his
‘hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.’ And²⁰
David said to Solomon his son, ‘Be strong and of good
‘courage, and do it ; fear not, nor be dismayed ; for Je-
‘hovah God, even my God, will be with thee ; he will not
‘fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the
‘work for the service of the House of Jehovah. And,²¹
‘behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites are for
‘all the service of the House of God ; and there shall be
‘with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing
‘man, skilful for any manner of service ; also the captains
‘and all the people will be wholly at thy command.’ —

And David the king said to all the assembly, ‘Solomon¹

‘my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and
‘tender, and the work is great ; for the Palace is not for
2 ‘man, but for Jehovah God. Now I have prepared with
‘all my might for the House of my God the gold for things
‘of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the copper
‘for things of copper, the iron for things of iron, and wood
‘for things of wood ; onyx stones, and stones to be set,
‘stones glistening and of divers colours, and all manner of
3 ‘precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. More-
‘over, because I have set my affection on a house for my
‘God, I have of mine own peculiar goods, of gold and
‘silver, which I have given for the House of my God, over
‘and above all that I have prepared for the holy House,
4 ‘even three thousand Kikars of gold, of the gold of
‘Ophir, and seven thousand Kikars of refined silver, to
5 ‘overlay the walls of the houses with ; the gold for things
‘of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all
‘manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers.
‘And who then is willing to come with his hands full this
‘day unto Jehovah ?

6 Then the chief of the fathers and chiefs of the tribes of
Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds,
with the stewards of the king’s work, offered willingly ;
7 and they gave for the service of the House of God, of
gold five thousand Kikars and ten thousand Darics [or
Pounds sterling], and of silver ten thousand Kikars, and
of copper eighteen thousand Kikars, and one hundred
8 thousand Kikars of iron. And they with whom precious
stones were found gave them to the treasure of the House
9 of Jehovah, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then
the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because
with perfect heart they offered willingly to Jehovah ; and
David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 And David blessed Jehovah in the sight of all the
assembly. And David said, ‘Blessed art thou, Jehovah
‘the God of Israel our father, from everlasting to ever-
11 ‘lasting. Thine, O Jehovah, is the greatness, and the
‘power, and the glory, and the strength, and the majesty ;
‘for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is thine ;
‘thine is the kingdom, O Jehovah, and thou art exalted
12 ‘as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee,
‘and thou reignest over all ; and in thy hand is power and

‘might ; and in thy hand it is to make great, and to give
‘strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank ¹³
‘thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and ¹⁴
‘what is my people, that we should obtain strength to
‘offer so willingly after this sort ? For all things come
‘from thee, and of thine own hand have we given unto
‘thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, ¹⁵
‘as were all our fathers ; our days on the earth are as a
‘shadow, and we have no hope. O Jehovah our God, all ¹⁶
‘this store that we have prepared to build thee a house
‘for thy holy Name cometh from thy hand, and is all thine
‘own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, ¹⁷
‘and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the up-
‘rightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these
‘things ; and now have I seen with joy thy people, who
‘are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Jeho- ¹⁸
‘vah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our
‘fathers, keep this for ever within the fashion of the
‘thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their
‘heart unto thee ; and give to Solomon my son a perfect ¹⁹
‘heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and
‘thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the
‘Palace [or temple], for the which I have prepared.’

And David said to all the assembly, ‘Now bless Jeho- ²⁰
‘vah your God.’ And all the assembly blessed Jehovah
the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads,
and worshipped Jehovah, and the king. And they sacri- ²¹
ficed sacrifices unto Jehovah, and offered up burnt offer-
ings to Jehovah on the morrow after that day, even a
thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs,
with their drink offerings, and also sacrifices in abundance
for all Israel. And they did eat and drink before Jeho- ²²
vah on that day with great gladness. And they made
Solomon the son of David to be king the second time,
and anointed him unto Jehovah to be the chief governor,
and Zadok to be priest.

Then Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king ²³
instead of David his father, and prospered ; and all Israel
obeyed him. And all the princes, and the warriors, and ²⁴
all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves
unto Solomon the king. And Jehovah magnified Solomon ²⁵
exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon

him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

²⁶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. And
²⁷ the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven
years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years
²⁸ reigned he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age,
full of days, riches, and honour; and Solomon his son
²⁹ reigned in his stead [B.C. 976]. Now the acts of David
the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the
book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the
³⁰ prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, with all his
reign and his might, and the times that went over him,
and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

¹ **A**ND SOLOMON the son of David strengthened himself in
his kingdom, and Jehovah his God was with him, and
² magnified him exceedingly. Then Solomon spake to all
Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and
to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the chief
³ of the fathers. So Solomon, and all the assembly with
him, went to the High Place [or altar] that was at Gibeon;
for there was the Tent of Meeting of God, which Moses
⁴ the servant of Jehovah had made in the desert. (But,
indeed, the Ark of God had David brought up from the
City of Jearim to the place which David had prepared for
⁵ it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.) And
the altar of copper that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son
of Hur, had made, he had put before the Tabernacle of
Jehovah; and Solomon and the assembly sought unto it.
⁶ And Solomon went up thither to the altar of copper
before Jehovah, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and
offered up a thousand burnt offerings upon it.
⁷ In that night did God appear to Solomon, and said to
⁸ him, 'Ask what I shall give thee.' And Solomon said to
God, 'Thou hast shewed great kindness to David my
⁹ father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now,
'O Jehovah God, let thy promise to David my father be
'established; for thou hast made me king over a people
¹⁰ 'like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now

‘wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in
 ‘before this people. For who can judge this thy people,
 ‘that is so great?’ And God said to Solomon, ‘Because ¹¹
 ‘this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches,
 ‘wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither
 ‘yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and
 ‘knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people,
 ‘over whom I have made thee king; wisdom and know- ¹²
 ‘ledge is granted to thee; and I will give thee riches,
 ‘and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have
 ‘had that have been before thee, neither shall there any
 ‘after thee have the like.’

Then Solomon came from the High Place that was at ¹³
 Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the Tent of Meeting, and
 reigned over Israel. And Solomon gathered chariots and ¹⁴
 horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred
 chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed
 in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And ¹⁵
 the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as
 stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that
 are in the Low Country for abundance. And Solomon had ¹⁶
 horses brought out of Egypt, and a troop of the king’s
 merchants received the troop [of horses] at a price. And ¹⁷
 they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot
 for six hundred pieces of silver [or twelve hundred shil-
 lings], and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so brought
 they for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of
 Syria by their means.

And Solomon determined to build a house for the Name ¹
 of Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. And Solomon ²
 told out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty
 thousand to hew on the mountain, and three thousand
 and six hundred to oversee them. And Solomon sent to ³
 Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, ‘As thou didst deal with
 ‘David my father, and didst send to him cedars to build
 ‘him a house to dwell therein; behold, I would build a ⁴
 ‘house to the Name of Jehovah my God, to make it holy
 ‘unto him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for
 ‘the continual ceremonial, and for the burnt offerings of
 ‘the morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the
 ‘new moons, and on the solemn feasts of Jehovah our God.
 ‘This is to be for ever to Israel. And the House which I ⁵

‘ build shall be great ; for great is our God above all gods.
6 ‘ But who hath obtained strength to build for him a House,
‘ seeing the heavens and heaven of heavens cannot contain
‘ him ? Who am I then, that I should build him a House,
7 ‘ save only to burn incense before him ? Send me now
‘ therefore a man skilful to work in gold, and in silver, and
‘ in copper, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and
‘ blue, and that knoweth how to make carvings with the
‘ skilful men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem,
8 ‘ whom David my father did provide. Send me also cedar
‘ trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon ; for I
‘ know that thy servants know how to cut timber on Le-
‘ banon ; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy ser-
9 ‘ vants, even to prepare me timber in abundance ; for the
‘ house which I am about to build shall be great and
10 ‘ wonderful. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the
‘ hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand Cors [of nine
‘ bushels each] of threshed wheat, and twenty thousand
‘ Cors of barley, and twenty thousand Baths [of seven
‘ gallons and a half each] of wine, and twenty thousand
‘ Baths of oil.’

11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in a writing,
which he sent to Solomon, ‘ Because Jehovah hath loved
12 ‘ his people, he hath made thee king over them.’ Hiram
said moreover, ‘ Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, that
‘ made the heavens and earth, who hath given to David
‘ the king a wise son, endued with prudence and under-
‘ standing, that might build a house for Jehovah, and a
13 ‘ house for his kingdom. And now I have sent a skilful
14 ‘ man, endued with understanding, Hiram-Abi, the son of a
‘ woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man
‘ of Tyre, who knoweth how to work in gold, and in silver,
‘ in copper, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in
‘ blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson ; also to carve any
‘ manner of carving, and to find out every device which
‘ shall be put to him, with thy skilful men, and with the
15 ‘ skilful men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore
‘ the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which
‘ my lord hath spoken of, let him send to his servants.
16 ‘ And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou
‘ shalt need ; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea
‘ to Joppa ; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.’

And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in ¹⁷ the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them ; and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. And he set seventy thousand of them to be ¹⁸ bearers of burdens, and eighty thousand to be hewers on the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to make the people work.

Then Solomon began to build the HOUSE OF JEHOVAH ¹ at Jerusalem on mount Moriah, where he had appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And he ² began to build on the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign [B.C. 973].

Now in these things Solomon was instructed for the ³ building of the House of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. And of the Porch that was at the front, ⁴ the length was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty. And he overlaid it on the inside with pure gold. And the Greater ⁵ Room he coated with fir timber, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. And he ⁶ covered the house with precious stones for beauty ; and the gold was gold of Parvaim. He overlaid also the house, the ⁷ beams, the lintels, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold ; and he carved cherubs on the walls.

And he made the chamber of the HOLY OF HOLIES ; its ⁸ length was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits ; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred Kikars. And the ⁹ weight of the nails was fifty Shekels [or half ounces] of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. And in the chamber of the HOLY OF HOLIES he made TWO ¹⁰ CHERUBS of image work, and overlaid them with gold. And the wings of the cherubs were twenty cubits long ; ¹¹ one wing being five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house ; and the other wing being five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And one wing of the other ¹² cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house ; and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the first cherub. The wings of these cherubs ¹³

spread themselves forth twenty cubits. And they stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the chamber.

¹⁴ And he made the VEIL of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and he wrought cherubs thereon.

¹⁵ Also he made before the House TWO PILLARS of thirty and five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top
¹⁶ of each of them was five cubits. And he made chains, [as] in the place of the Oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put
¹⁷ them on the chains. And he reared up the pillars before the Great Hall, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand —Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

¹ Moreover he made an ALTAR OF COPPER, twenty cubits its length, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten cubits its height.

² Also he made a molten WATER-CISTERN of ten cubits from brim to brim, round all about, and five cubits its height; and a line of thirty cubits did encompass it round
³ about. And under it were images of oxen, which did encompass it round about. [And there were gourds] ten in a cubit, encircling the Water-cistern round about in two
⁴ rows. The oxen were cast in moulds. It stood upon the twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. And the Water-cistern was set above upon them, and all their hinder
⁵ parts were inward. And the thickness of it was a hand-breadth [or three inches]; and the brim of it was like the work of the brim of the cup of the flower of a lily. It held the contents of three thousand Baths [or 22,000 gallons].

⁶ He made also ten LAVERS [or Basons], and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them. The work of the burnt offering they cleansed in them; but the
⁷ Water-cistern was for the priests to wash in. And he made ten LAMP-STANDS of gold according to one pattern, and set them in the Great Hall, five on the right hand, and five on
⁸ the left. He made also ten Tables, and placed them in the Great Hall, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred Sprinkling Buckets of gold.

⁹ Furthermore he made the COURT OF THE PRIESTS, even the Great Terrace, and doors for the Terrace, and overlaid

the doors of them with copper. And he set the Water-cistern on the right front corner [of the House] eastward, over against the south. And Hiram made the Pots, and the Ladles, and the Sprinkling Buckets.

And Hiram finished making the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the House of God ; to wit, the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two trellis works to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars ; and four hundred pomegranates on the two trellis works ; two rows of pomegranates on each trellis work, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the face of the pillars. He made also the bason-stands ; and lavers made he upon the bason-stands ; one water-cistern, and twelve oxen under it. The pots also, and the ladles, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram-Abiv make for king Solomon for the House of Jehovah of polished copper. In the Circle of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah. Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance ; for the weight of the copper was not sought for.

And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the House of God, the Golden Altar also, and the Tables whereon the Presence Bread was set ; moreover the Lamp-stands with their lamps, that they should burn according to the ordinance before the Place of the Oracle, of pure gold ; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold ; and the snuffers, and the sprinkling buckets, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold ; and at the entrance of the House, the inner doors thereof for the Holy of Holies, and the doors of the House for the Great Hall, were of gold.

Thus all the work that Solomon made for the House of Jehovah was finished ; and Solomon brought in the things that David his father had made holy ; and the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, put he among the treasures of the House of God.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. Therefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto

the king at the Feast [of Tabernacles] which was in the
4 seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and
5 the Levites took up the Ark. And they brought up the
Ark, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels
that were in the Tent, these did the priests the Levites
6 bring up. Also king Solomon, and all the congregation
of Israel that were assembled unto him before the Ark,
sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be counted
7 nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in
the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah to its place, into the
chamber of the Oracle into the House, to the Holy of
8 Holies, under the wings of the cherubs; for the cherubs
spread forth their wings over the place of the Ark, and
9 the cherubs covered the Ark and its staves above. And
so long were the staves, that the ends of the staves from
the Ark were seen before the Place of the Oracle; but
they were not seen on the outside. And there it is unto
10 this day. There was nothing in the Ark save the Two
Tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when Jehovah
made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they
came out of Lower Egypt.

11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of
the Holy [room]; (for all the priests that were present were
12 made holy, and did not then wait by courses;) also the
Levites, who were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of
Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren,
being arrayed in fine linen, having cymbals and psalteries
and harps, stood at the east side of the altar, and with
them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets,
3 it came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were
as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and
thanking Jehovah; and when they lifted up their voice
with the trumpet and cymbals and instruments of music,
and praised Jehovah, [saying,] *For he is good; for his*
kindness endureth for ever; that then the House was filled
4 with a cloud, even the House of Jehovah; so that the
priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud;
—for the glory of Jehovah had filled the House of God.

1 Then said Solomon, 'Jehovah hath said that he would
2 dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built a house of
'habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.'
3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole as-

sembly of Israel. And all the assembly of Israel stood. And he said, 'Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, who⁴
 'hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with
 'his mouth to my father David, saying, Since the day that⁵
 'I brought forth my people out of the land of Lower
 'Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to
 'build a house in, that my name might be there; neither
 'chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel; but⁶
 'I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there;
 'and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.—
 'Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a⁷
 'house for the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. But⁸
 'Jehovah said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was
 'in thy heart to build a house for my Name, thou didst
 'well in that it was in thy heart. Notwithstanding thou⁹
 'shalt not build the house; but thy son who shall come
 'forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my
 'Name.—Jehovah therefore hath performed his word that¹⁰
 'he hath spoken; for I am risen up in the room of David
 'my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah
 'promised, and have built the House for the name of Je-
 'hovah the God of Israel. And in it have I put the Ark,¹¹
 'wherein is the Covenant of Jehovah, that he made with
 'the children of Israel.' And he stood before the Altar¹²
 of Jehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel,
 and spread forth his hands. For Solomon had made a¹³
 platform of copper, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad,
 and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the
 Terrace [or court]. And upon it he stood, and kneeled
 down upon his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and
 spread forth his hands toward heaven, and said, 'O Je-¹⁴
 'hovah God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the
 'heavens nor on the earth; who keepest covenant and
 'kindness with thy servants, that walk before thee with
 'all their heart; who hast kept with thy servant David¹⁵
 'my father what thou promisedst him; and thou spakest with
 'thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this
 'day. Now therefore, O Jehovah God of Israel, keep with¹⁶
 'thy servant David my father what thou promisedst him,
 'saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to
 'sit upon the throne of Israel; if so be that thy sons keep
 'to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked be-

- 17 'fore me.—And now, O Jehovah God of Israel, let thy
'word be verified, which thou didst speak to thy servant
'David.
- 18 'But will God in truth dwell with men on the earth?
'Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot
'contain thee; how much less this house which I have
19 'built! Turn thou therefore to the prayer of thy servant,
'and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to hearken
'to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth
20 'before thee; that thine eyes may be open toward this
'House day and night, toward the Place of which thou hast
'said that thou wouldest put thy Name there; to hearken
'to the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this
21 'place. And hearken thou to the supplications of thy
'servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall pray
'toward this place; and hear thou from thy dwelling place,
'even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.
- 22 'If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath [or
'self-curse] be laid upon him to make him swear, and the
23 'oath come before thine altar in this House; then hear
'thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, re-
'quiting the wicked, by bringing his way upon his own
'head; and justifying the righteous, by giving to him
'according to his righteousness.
- 24 'And if thy people Israel be smitten down before the
'enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall
'turn again and confess thy name, and pray, and make
25 'supplication before thee in this House; then hear thou
'from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel,
'and bring them again to the land which thou gavest to
'them and to their fathers.
- 26 'When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain,
'because they have sinned against thee; if they pray to-
'ward this Place, and confess thy Name, and turn from
27 'their sin, when thou dost afflict them; then hear thou from
'heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy
'people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way,
'wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land,
'which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.
- 28 'If there be famine in the land, if there be pestilence,
'if there be blight, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if
'it be that their enemies besiege them in the land at the

‘city gates; whatsoever plague or whatsoever sickness
‘there be; what prayer or what supplication soever shall ²⁹
‘be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, when
‘every one shall know his own plague and his own grief,
‘and shall spread forth his hands toward this House;
‘then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and for- ³⁰
‘give, and render to every man according to all his ways,
‘because thou knowest his heart; (for thou only knowest
‘the hearts of the sons of Adam;) so that they may fear ³¹
‘thee, to walk in thy ways all the days that they live upon
‘the face of the land which thou gavest to our fathers.

‘Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of thy ³²
‘people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great
‘Name’s sake, and for thy mighty hand, and thy stretched
‘out arm; if they come and pray toward this House; then ³³
‘hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and do accord-
‘ing to all that the foreigner calleth to thee for; so that
‘all the peoples of the earth may know thy Name, and fear
‘thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this
‘House which I have built is called by thy Name.

‘When thy people go out to war against their enemies ³⁴
‘by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray
‘unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and
‘the House which I have built for thy Name; then hear ³⁵
‘thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and
‘maintain their cause.

‘When they sin against thee, (for there is no man that ³⁶
‘sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver
‘them over before their enemies, and they carry them away
‘captives to a land whether far off or near; yet if they ³⁷
‘lay it to heart in the land whither they are carried captive,
‘and turn and make supplication to thee in the land of
‘their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done
‘amiss, and have dealt wickedly; if they return to thee ³⁸
‘with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of
‘their captivity, whither they have carried them captives,
‘and pray toward their land, which thou gavest to their
‘fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and
‘toward the House which I have built for thy Name; then ³⁹
‘hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place their prayer
‘and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and for-
‘give thy people whatever they have sinned against thee.

- ⁴⁰ ‘Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open,
‘And thine ears attentive to the prayers of this place.
⁴¹ ‘And now arise, O Jehovah God, into thy resting place,
‘Thou, and the Ark of thy strength.
‘Let thy priests, O Jehovah God, be clothed with salvation,
‘And let thy godly ones rejoice in goodness.
⁴² ‘O Jehovah God, turn not away the face of thine anointed;
—‘Remember the kindness [assured] to David thy servant.’
¹ Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled
² the House. And the priests could not enter into the House of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah had filled the
³ House of Jehovah. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah upon the House, they knelt down with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and gave thanks unto Jehovah, *‘For he is good; for his kindness endureth for ever.’*
⁴ Then the king and all the people sacrificed sacrifices
⁵ before Jehovah. And king Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people
⁶ dedicated the House of God. And the priests waited on their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music of Jehovah, (which David the king had made to give thanks to Jehovah, *for his kindness endureth for ever*, when David praised by their hands;) and the priests sounded
⁷ trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. Moreover Solomon hallowed the Middle of the Court that was before the House of Jehovah. For there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the copper altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the fat.
⁸ And at the same time Solomon kept the Feast [of Tabernacles] for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the Pass of Hamath unto the valley
⁹ of Lower Egypt. And on the eighth day they kept a Day of Restraint [from work]; for they kept the dedication of the Altar for seven days, and the Feast for seven days.

And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month¹⁰ he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that Jehovah had shewed to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

Thus Solomon finished the House of Jehovah, and the king's house.¹¹ And all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the House of Jehovah, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said¹² to him, 'I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the heavens that there be no rain, or if I command locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now¹⁵ mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attentive to the prayers of this place. For now have I chosen and hallowed this House, that my Name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David¹⁷ thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt observe my statutes and my judgments; then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes¹⁸ and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land²⁰ which I have given to them; and this House which I have hallowed for my Name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all the peoples. And then this House, which is high,²¹ shall become an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath Jehovah done thus to this land, and to this House? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook Jehovah the God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Lower Egypt, and they laid hold on other gods, and worshipped²²

‘them, and served them. Therefore hath he brought all —‘this evil upon them.’

¹ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had been building the House of Jehovah, and
² his own house, that the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

³ Then Solomon went to Hamath in Zobah, and prevailed
⁴ against it. He built Tadmor [or Palmyra] in the desert,
⁵ and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. Also he built Beth-horon the Upper, and Beth-horon the Lower,
⁶ fenced cities, with walls, doors, and cross-bars; and Baalath and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all Solomon’s desire that he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

⁷ As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and
⁸ the Jebusites, who were not of Israel, for those of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon put
⁹ under tribute until this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and captains of his chiefs-of-three, even
¹⁰ captains of his chariots and horsemen. And these were the chief of king Solomon’s officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

¹¹ And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her; for he said, ‘My wife shall not dwell in the house of ‘David king of Israel, because the places are holy, where-
‘unto the Ark of Jehovah hath come.’

¹² Then Solomon offered up burnt offerings unto Jehovah on the Altar of Jehovah, which he had built before the
¹³ Porch, even after a certain rate every day, offering up according to the command of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons; and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles.

¹⁴ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and of the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before

the priests, for the business of every day ; the gate-keepers also by their courses at every gate ; for so had David the man of God commanded. And they departed not from the command of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the House of Jehovah, and until it was finished. So the House of Jehovah was perfected.

Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the side of the [Red] Sea in the land of Edom. And Huram sent to him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea. And they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty Kikars of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to try Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, and with a very great company, and camels laden with spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones. And when she was come to Solomon, she spake to him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions ; and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, and the food of his table, and the sitting of his ministers, and the attendance of his servants, and their apparel ; his cup-bearers also, and their apparel ; and his ascent [or bridge] by which he went up into the House of Jehovah ; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, ‘It was a true report which I heard in mine own land, of thine acts, and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it ; and behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me ; for thou exceedest the fame that I heard. Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, who stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. Blessed be Jehovah thy God, who delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for Jehovah thy God ; because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and righteousness.’ And she gave the king a hundred and twenty Kikars of gold, and of spices

great abundance, and precious stones. Neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

¹⁰ And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum [or ¹¹ebony] trees and precious stones. And the king made of the alnum trees stairs to the House of Jehovah, and to the king's house, and harps and psalteries for singers. And there were none such seen before in the land of ¹²Judah. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside [the value of] what she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

¹³ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty and six Kikars of gold ; ¹⁴beside that which the traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and the Pashas [or governors] of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

¹⁵ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of gold beaten thin ; six hundred [Shekels] of gold beaten thin ¹⁶went to one target. And three hundred shields made he of gold beaten thin ; three hundred [Shekels] of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

¹⁷ Moreover the king made a great Throne of ivory, and ¹⁸overlaid it with pure gold. And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and arms on each side of the sitting place, ¹⁹and two lions standing by the arms. And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

²⁰ And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. Nothing of silver was ¹counted as anything in the days of Solomon. For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram ; once every three years came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, tusks of ivory, and apes, and parrots. ²And king Solomon passed all the kings of the land in ³riches and wisdom. And all the kings of the land sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God ⁴had put in his heart. And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and cloaks,

armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And he ruled over all the kings from the River [Euphrates] even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the boundary of Egypt. And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the Low Country for abundance. And they brought to Solomon horses out of Lower Egypt, and out of all lands.

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the Visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 936].

And REHOBAM went to Shechem; for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Lower Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Lower Egypt. And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke grievous. Now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.' And he said to them, 'Come again to me after three days.' And the people departed.

And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, 'What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?' And they spake to him saying, 'If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants all thy days.' But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that had grown up with him, that stood before him. And he said to them, 'What counsel give ye that we may return answer to this

- ‘people, who have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat
10 ‘the yoke that thy father did put upon us?’ And the young men that had grown up with him spake to him, saying, ‘Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake to thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make ‘thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say to ‘them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father’s
11 ‘loins. For whereas my father laded a heavy yoke upon ‘you, I will put more to your yoke. My father chastised ‘you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.’
12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, ‘Come again to
13 ‘me on the third day.’ And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the
14 old men, and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, ‘My father made your yoke heavy, but I ‘will add thereto; my father chastised you with whips,
15 ‘but I will chastise you with scorpions.’ So the king hearkened not to the people; for the course of events was of God, in order that Jehovah might perform his word which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
6 And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken to them, the people answered the king, saying, ‘What portion have we in David?’ and, ‘We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to your tents, ‘O Israel; now, David, see to thine own house.’ So all
7 Israel went to their tents. But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
8 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get
9 him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. And Israel—rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled of the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. But the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah a man of God, saying, ‘Speak to Rehoboam the son of ‘Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and

‘ Benjamin, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not go⁴
 ‘ up, nor fight against your brethren. Return ye every
 ‘ man to his house ; for this thing is done by me.’ And
 they obeyed the words of Jehovah, and returned from
 going against Jeroboam.

And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for⁵
 defence of Judah. He built even⁶
 Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
 and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, and Gath,^{7 8}
 and Moreshah, and Ziph, and Adoraim, and Lachish,⁹
 and Azekah, and Zorah, and Ajalon, and Hebron,¹⁰
 which are fenced cities in Judah and in Benjamin. And¹¹
 he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and
 store of victual, and of oil and wine. And in every several¹²
 city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding
 strong. And Judah and Benjamin belonged to him.

And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel¹³
 resorted to him out of all their boundaries. For the Levites¹⁴
 left their pasture lands and their possession, and came to
 Judah and Jerusalem. (For Jeroboam and his sons had
 cast them off from executing the priest’s office unto Jehovah.
 And he had set up for himself priests for the High Places¹⁵
 [or Altars], and for the Satyrs, and for the Calves which
 he had made.) And after them out of all the tribes of¹⁶
 Israel such as set their hearts to seek Jehovah the God of
 Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto Jehovah the
 God of their fathers. So they strengthened the kingdom¹⁷
 of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong
 for three years ; because for three years they walked in
 the way of David and Solomon.

And Rehoboam took to wife Mahlath the daughter of¹⁸
 Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter
 of Eliab the son of Jesse. And she bare him sons ;¹⁹
 Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. And after her he²⁰
 took Maachah the daughter of Absalom. And she bare
 him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. And²¹
 Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above
 all his wives and his concubines ; (for he took eighteen
 wives, and sixty concubines ; and begat twenty and eight
 sons, and sixty daughters). And Rehoboam made Abijah²²
 the son of Maachah to be the chief, to be ruler among his
 brethren ; for he thought to make him king. And he²³

dealt wisely, and dispersed some of all his sons throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city; and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired a multitude of wives.

¹ And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, that he forsook
² the Law of Jehovah, and all Israel with him. And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam [B.C. 932] Shishak king of Lower Egypt came up against Jerusalem,
³ (because they had transgressed against Jehovah,) with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen; and the people were without number that came with him out of Lower Egypt; the Libyans, the Sukkiims [or Trog-
⁴ lodytæ], and the Ethiopians. And he took the fenced cities which belonged to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵ Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, 'Thus saith 'Jehovah, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also
⁶ 'left you in the hand of Shishak.' Thereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said,
⁷ 'Jehovah is righteous.' And when Jehovah saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah, saying, 'They have humbled themselves; therefore I 'will not destroy them, but for a little while I will grant 'them deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out
⁸ 'upon Jerusalem' by the hand of Shishak. Nevertheless 'they shall be his servants; that they may understand my 'service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.'

⁹ So Shishak king of Lower Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all. He took away also the shields of gold which Solomon
⁰ had made. Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of copper, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the runners, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

¹ And whenever the king entered into the House of Jehovah, the runners came and fetched them; and they took
² them back again into the runners' chamber. And when he humbled himself, the anger of Jehovah turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether; and also in Judah things went well.

So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, ¹³ and reigned ; for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign ; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Jehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Nāamah an Ammonitess. And he did ¹⁴ evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek Jehovah.

Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not ¹⁵ written in the Book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies ? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. And ¹⁶ Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David ; and Abijah his son reigned in his stead. —

In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam [B.C. 919] ¹ began ABIJAH to reign over Judah. He reigned three years ² in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. And Abijah began the battle ³ with an army of valiant men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men. Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, warriors of valour. And Abijah stood up upon mount Ze- ⁴ maraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, 'Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel ; ought ye not to ⁵ 'know that Jehovah the God of Israel gave the kingdom 'over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons 'by a covenant of salt ? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ⁶ 'the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and 'rebelled against his lord. And there were gathered unto ⁷ 'him vain men, the sons of Belial, and they strengthened 'themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when 'Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not ⁸ 'withstand them. And now ye think to withstand the 'kingdom of Jehovah in the hand of the sons of David. 'And ye are a great multitude, and there are with you the ⁹ 'Golden Calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. Have 'ye not cast out the priests of Jehovah, the sons of Aaron, 'and the Levites, and have made you priests after the 'manner of the peoples of the lands ? so that whosoever 'cometh to fill his hands with a young bullock and seven 'rams [as an offering], the same may be a priest of them ¹⁰ 'that are no gods. But as for us, Jehovah is our God, and

‘ we have not forsaken him ; and the priests, who minister
‘ unto Jehovah, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait
11 ‘ upon their business. And they burn unto Jehovah every
‘ morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet in-
‘ cense. The Ceremonial Bread also set they upon the Pure
‘ Table ; and the lamp-stand of gold with its lamps, to burn
‘ every evening ; for we keep the charge of Jehovah our
12 ‘ God ; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God him-
‘ self is with us for our captain, and his priests with sound-
‘ ing trumpets to sound an alarm against you. O children
‘ of Israel, fight ye not against Jehovah the God of your
‘ fathers ; for ye will not prosper.’

13 But Jeroboam caused liers in wait to come about behind
them ; so some were before Judah, and the liers in wait
14 were behind them. And when Judah looked back, be-
hold, the battle was before and behind ; and they cried to
15 Jehovah, and the priests sounded with the trumpets, and
the men of Judah gave a shout. And as the men of Judah
shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all
16 Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel
fled before Judah ; and God delivered them into their hand.
17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter.
So there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand
18 chosen men. Thus the children of Israel were brought
under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed,
because they relied upon Jehovah the God of their fathers.
19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from
him, Beth-el with its suburbs, and Jeshanah with its
20 suburbs, and Ephraim with its suburbs. Neither did
Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah.
And Jehovah struck him, and he died.

21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and took to himself four-
teen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen
22 daughters. And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his
—ways, and his doings, are written in the Commentary of
1 the prophet Iddo. So Abijah slept with his fathers, and
they buried him in the city of David ; and Asa his son
reigned in his stead [B.C. 917].

2 In his days the land was quiet for ten years. And ASA
did what was good and right in the eyes of Jehovah his
3 God ; for he took away the altars of the foreigner, and the
High Places, and brake down the images, and cut down the

groves of Ashera, and he commanded Judah to seek Je-⁴
 hovah the God of their fathers, and to obey the Law and the
 Commandment. Also he took away out of all the cities of⁵
 Judah the High Places and the sun-images ; and the king-
 dom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities in⁶
 Judah. For the land had rest, and there was no war against
 him in those years ; because Jehovah had given him rest.
 Therefore he said to Judah, ' Let us build these cities, and⁷
 ' make about them walls, and towers, doors, and crossbars,
 ' while the land is yet before us ; because we have sought
 ' Jehovah our God, we have sought him, and he hath given
 ' us rest on every side.' So they built and prospered. And⁸
 Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out
 of Judah three hundred thousand ; and out of Benjamin,
 that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and eighty
 thousand. All these were warriors of valour.

And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian⁹
 [or of Upper Egypt] with a host of a thousand thousand,
 and three hundred chariots. And he came to Moreshah.
 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in¹⁰
 array in the valley of Zephathah at Moreshah. And Asa¹¹
 cried to Jehovah his God, and said, ' O Jehovah, it is
 ' nothing with thee to give help against many, even unto
 ' them that have no power. Help us, O Jehovah our God ;
 ' for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this
 ' multitude. O Jehovah, thou art our God ; let not man
 ' prevail against thee.' So Jehovah smote the Ethiopians¹²
 before Asa, and before Judah ; and the Ethiopians fled.
 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them¹³
 unto Gerar. And the Ethiopians were overthrown, so that
 they could not recover themselves ; for they were destroyed
 before Jehovah, and before his host. And they [of Judah]
 carried away very much spoil. And they smote all the¹⁴
 cities round about Gerar ; for the terror of Jehovah came
 upon them. And they plundered all the cities ; for there
 was exceeding much plunder in them. They smote also¹⁵
 the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in
 abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of¹
 Oded ; and he went out to meet Asa, and said to him,²
 ' Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. Jehovah
 ' will be with you, while ye be with him ; and if ye seek

- ‘him, he will be found by you; but if ye forsake him, he
3 ‘will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel was with-
‘out the true God, and without a teaching priest, and
4 ‘without the Law. But when they in their trouble did
‘turn to Jehovah the God of Israel, and sought him, he
5 ‘was found by them. And in those times there was no
‘peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but
‘great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the
6 ‘countries. And nation was destroyed by nation, and city
7 ‘by city; for God did vex them with all adversity. Be
‘ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for
8 ‘your work shall be rewarded.’ And when Asa heard
these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he
took courage, and put away the abominations [or idols]
out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the
cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim,
and he renewed the Altar of Jehovah, that was before the
9 Porch of Jehovah. And he gathered all Judah and Ben-
jamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and
Manasseh, and out of Simeon; for they revolted to him
out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that Jehovah
his God was with him.
- 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in
the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa
11 [B.C. 903]. And they sacrificed to Jehovah at that time,
out of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred
12 oxen and seven thousand sheep. And they entered into
a covenant to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers with
13 all their heart and with all their soul; and that whoso-
ever would not seek Jehovah the God of Israel should be
put to death, whether small or great, whether man or wo-
14 man. And they sware to Jehovah with a loud voice, and
15 with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And
all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with
all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire.
And Jehovah was found by them, and gave them rest
round about.
- 16 And Maachah his mother, Asa the king removed from
being queen, because she had made a frightful idol to
Ashera; and Asa cut down her frightful idol, and beat it
17 to pieces, and burnt it in the valley of the Kidron. But
the High Places [or altars] were not taken away out of

Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. And he brought into the House of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. And there was no more war until the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa [B.C. 902].

In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa [B.C. 901], Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the House of Jehovah and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying, 'Let there be a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father. Behold, I have sent to thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.' And Ben-hadad hearkened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel at the Waters [of Merom], and all the store cities of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building Ramah, and let his work cease. Then Asa the king brought all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, 'Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on Jehovah thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on Jehovah, he delivered them into thy hand. For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly. Therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.' Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are

¹² written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign [B.C. 879] was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great. Yet in his disease he sought not to Jehovah, but to the
¹³ physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in
¹⁴ the one and fortieth year of his reign [B.C. 877]. And they buried him in his own sepulchre, which he had digged for himself in the city of David, and laid him in a bed which was filled with sweet spices, and divers kinds of compounds made by the apothecaries' art. And they—made a very great burning for him.

¹ And JEHOSEPHAT his son reigned in his stead, and
² strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, that Asa his
³ father had taken. And Jehovah was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David,
⁴ and sought not unto Baal; but sought unto the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not
⁵ after the doings of Israel. Therefore Jehovah established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in
⁶ abundance. And he lifted up his heart in the ways of Jehovah. Moreover he took away the High Places and images of Ashera out of Judah.

⁷ Also in the third year of his reign [B.C. 875] he sent to his princes, even to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Micaiah, to teach in the cities
⁸ of Judah. And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites; and with them Eli-shama and
⁹ Jehoram, the priests. And they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of Jehovah with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

⁹ And the terror of Jehovah fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they
¹ made no war against Jehoshaphat. Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

And it came to pass that Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. And he had much business in the cities of Judah, and men of war, warriors of valour, in Jerusalem. And these are the registers of them according to the house of their fathers; of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the captain, and with him warriors of valour three hundred thousand. And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand. And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto Jehovah; and with him two hundred thousand warriors of valour. And of Benjamin, Eliada a warrior of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. And next him was Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and eighty thousand ready prepared for the war. These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah. —

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined himself by marriage with Ahab. And after some years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab sacrificed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and urged him to go up to Ramoth in Gilead. And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, 'Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth in Gilead?' And he answered him, 'I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.' And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, 'Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of Jehovah to-day.'

Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of the prophets four hundred men, and said to them, 'Shall we go to Ramoth in Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?' And they said, 'Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we might inquire of him?' And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of Jehovah. But I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil. The same is Micaiah the son of Imla.' And Jehoshaphat said, 'Let not the king say so.' And the king of Israel called for one of his chamberlains, and said, 'Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imla.'

- ⁹ And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat each on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat on a raised floor at the entering in of the gate of Samaria.
- ¹⁰ And all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made for himself horns of iron, and said, 'Thus saith Jehovah, With these thou shalt
- ¹¹ 'gore the Syrians until thou have consumed them.' And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, 'Go up to Ramoth 'in Gilead, and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into 'the hand of the king.'
- ¹² And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, 'Behold, the words of the prophets declare 'good to the king with one voice; let thy word therefore, 'I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.'
- ¹³ And Micaiah said, 'As Jehovah liveth, even what my God 'saith, that will I speak.'
- ¹⁴ And when he was come to the king, the king said to him, 'Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth in Gilead to battle, 'or shall I forbear?' And he said, 'Go ye up, and prosper,
- ¹⁵ 'and they will be delivered into your hand.' And the king said to him, 'How many times shall I adjure thee 'that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of
- ¹⁶ 'Jehovah?' Then he said, 'I saw all Israel scattered upon 'the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And 'Jehovah said, These have no master; let them return there-
- ¹⁷ 'fore every man to his house in peace.' And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'Did I not tell thee that he
- ¹⁸ 'would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?' Again [Micaiah] said, 'Therefore hear the word of Jehovah. I saw 'Jehovah sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven
- ¹⁹ 'standing on his right hand and on his left. And Jehovah 'said, Who will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go 'up and fall at Ramoth in Gilead?' And he said, 'One
- ²⁰ 'spake after this manner, and another spake after that 'manner. Then there came out a Spirit, and he stood be-
- ²¹ 'fore Jehovah, and said, I will entice him. And Jehovah 'said to Him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go out, and 'be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And
- ²² '[Jehovah] said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt 'also prevail; go out, and do even so. Now therefore, be-
- 'hold, Jehovah hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of 'these thy prophets; and Jehovah hath spoken evil against

‘thee.’ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, ²³
 and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, ‘By which
 ‘way passed the spirit of Jehovah from me to speak to
 ‘thee?’ And Micaiah said, ‘Behold, thou shalt see on that ²⁴
 ‘day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide
 ‘thyself.’ Then the king of Israel said, ‘Take ye Micaiah, ²⁵
 ‘and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and
 ‘to Joash the king’s son; and say, Thus saith the king, ²⁶
 ‘Put this man in the prison, and feed him with the bread
 ‘of affliction, and with the water of affliction, until I return
 ‘in safety.’ And Micaiah said, ‘If thou in any wise re- ²⁷
 ‘turn in safety, then hath not Jehovah spoken by me.’
 (And he said, ‘Hear, O ye peoples, every one of you.’)

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah ²⁸
 went up to Ramoth in Gilead. And the king of Israel said ²⁹
 to Jehoshaphat, ‘I will disguise myself and will go to
 ‘the battle; but put thou on thy robes.’ So the king of
 Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle. Now ³⁰
 the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the
 chariots that were with him, saying, ‘Fight ye not with
 ‘small or great, save only with the king of Israel.’ And ³¹
 it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jeho-
 shaphat, that they said, ‘It is the king of Israel.’ There-
 fore they encompassed about him to fight. But Jehosha-
 phat cried out, and Jehovah helped him; and God moved
 them to depart from him. For it came to pass, that, when ³²
 the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the
 king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote ³³
 the king of Israel between the shoulder joints and
 the breastplate; therefore he said to the driver of his
 chariot, ‘Turn thy hand, that thou mayest carry me out
 ‘of the host; for I am wounded.’ And the battle increased ³⁴
 that day. Howbeit the king of Israel propped himself up
 in his chariot in face of the Syrians until the evening;
 and about the time of the sun going down he died. —

And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his ¹
 house in safety to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani ²
 the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehosha-
 phat, ‘Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them
 ‘that hate Jehovah? Therefore is wrath upon thee from
 ‘before Jehovah. Nevertheless there are good things ³

‘found in thee, in that thou hast burned the groves of
‘Ashera out of the land, and hast prepared thy heart to
4 ‘seek God.’ And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem.

And he returned and went out through the people, from
Beer-sheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought
5 them back to Jehovah the God of their fathers. And
he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities
6 of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, ‘Take heed
‘what ye do : for ye judge not for man, but for Jehovah,
7 ‘who is with you in giving judgment. Therefore now let
‘the terror of Jehovah be upon you. Take heed and do
‘it ; for there is no iniquity with Jehovah our God, nor
‘respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.’

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set some of the
Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers
of Israel, to declare the judgment of Jehovah, and for
9 controversies ; and they dwelt in Jerusalem. And he
charged them, saying, ‘Thus shall ye do in the fear of
10 ‘Jehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. And what
‘controversy soever shall come before you from your bre-
‘thren that dwell in their cities between blood and blood,
‘between law and commandment, statutes and judgments,
‘ye shall even warn them that they be not guilty against
‘Jehovah, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your
11 ‘brethren. This do, and ye shall not be guilty. And, be-
‘hold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters
‘of Jehovah ; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler
‘of the house of Judah, for all the king’s matters. And
‘the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously,
—‘and Jehovah will be with the good.’

1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab,
and the Children of Ammon and with them some of the
Ammonites [or Maonites], came against Jehoshaphat to
2 battle. Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat,
saying, ‘There cometh a great rabble against thee from
‘beyond the [Dead] sea, from Syria ; and, behold, they are
3 ‘in Hazazon of the Palm-trees, which is Ain-gedi.’ And
Jehoshaphat feared, and set his face to seek Jehovah. And
4 he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah
gathered themselves together, to seek Jehovah ; even out
5 of all the cities of Judah they came to seek Jehovah. And
Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusa-

lem, in the House of Jehovah, before the New Court, and⁶
said, ‘ O Jehovah, God of our fathers, art not thou God in
‘ heaven? And thou rulest over all the kingdoms of the
‘ Nations. And in thy hand there is power and might,
‘ so that none is able to withstand thee. Art not thou⁷
‘ our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this
‘ land from before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the
‘ seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt⁸
‘ therein, and have built for thee a Sanctuary therein for
‘ thy Name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the⁹
‘ sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before
‘ this House, and in thy presence (for thy Name is in this
‘ House), and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt
‘ hear and wilt help.—And now, behold, the Children of¹⁰
‘ Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest
‘ not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of
‘ Lower Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed
‘ them not; behold, how they reward us, by coming to cast¹¹
‘ us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to
‘ possess. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we¹²
‘ have no might against this great rabble that cometh
‘ against us. Neither know we what to do. But our eyes
‘ are upon thee.’ And all Judah stood before Jehovah,¹³
with their little ones, their wives, and their sons.

Then upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of¹⁴
Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of
the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of Jehovah in the midst
of the assembly; and he said, ‘ Harken ye, all Judah, and¹⁵
‘ ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat;
‘ Thus saith Jehovah to you, Be not afraid nor cast down
‘ by reason of this great rabble; for the battle is not yours,
‘ but God’s. To-morrow go ye down against them. Be-¹⁶
‘ hold, they come up by the hill-road of Ziz; and ye shall
‘ find them at the end of the valley, before the desert of
‘ Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. Set¹⁷
‘ yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of Jehovah
‘ with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not, nor be cast
‘ down; to-morrow go out against them; for Jehovah is
‘ with you.’ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his¹⁸
face to the ground. And all Judah and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem fell before Jehovah, worshipping Jehovah.
And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and¹⁹

of the children of the Korahites, rose up to praise Jehovah the God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

⁰ And they arose early in the morning, and went forth into the desert of Tekoa. And as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in Jehovah your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye

¹ 'prosper.' And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto Jehovah, and those who should praise in holy robes, as they went out before the army, and should say, '*Give ye thanks unto Jehovah; for his kind-*

² '*ness endureth for ever.*' And when they began to sing and to praise, Jehovah set liers in wait against the Children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, who were come against

³ Judah; and they were smitten. For the Children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they every

⁴ one helped to destroy the other. And when Judah came to the Watch Tower in the desert, they looked unto the rabble, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none had escaped.

⁵ And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away. And they were three days in

⁶ gathering of the spoil, it was so much. And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed Jehovah. Therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah [or Blessing], unto this day.

⁷ Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at the head of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for Jehovah had made them to rejoice over their enemies. And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the House of Jehovah.

⁸ And the terror of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that Jehovah fought against the enemies of Israel. So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.

And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty

and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing what was right in the sight of Jehovah. Howbeit the High Places were not taken away; for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the Book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the Book of the Kings of Israel [1 Kings xvi. 1].

And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly. And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Moreshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, 'Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, Jehovah hath broken thy works.' And the ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.—

Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David [B.C. 853]. And JEHOHAM his son reigned in his stead. And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah; but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. And when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and some also of the princes of Israel.

Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife; and he did what was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. Howbeit Jehovah would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons for ever.

In his days the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made for themselves a king. Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him.

And he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites who
10 encompassed him, and the captains of the chariots. But
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unto this day. At the same time also did Libnah revolt
from under his hand; because he had forsaken Jehovah
1 the God of his fathers, and had moreover made High
Places in the hill countries of Judah, and caused the in-
habitants of Jerusalem to go astray, and compelled Judah
thereto.

2 And there was brought a writing to him from Elijah the
prophet, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of David
'thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of
'Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of
3 'Judah, but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel,
'and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
'to go astray, like to the going astray of the house of
'Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's
4 'house, who were better than thyself; behold, with a
'great plague will Jehovah smite thy people, and thy
5 'sons, and thy wives, and all thy goods. And thou wilt
'have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy
'bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.'

6 Moreover Jehovah stirred up against Jehoram the spirit
of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were by the
7 side of the Ethiopians. And they came up into Judah,
and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that
was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his
wives; so that there was never a son left him, save
8 Jehcahaz [or Ahaziah], the youngest of his sons. And after
all this Jehovah smote him in his bowels with a disease
9 that could not be cured. And it came to pass, that day
by day, by the end of two years, his bowels had fallen
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¹⁶ Moreover Jehovah stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were by the¹⁷ side of the Ethiopians. And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save¹⁸ Jehohaz [or Ahaziah], the youngest of his sons. And after all this Jehovah smote him in his bowels with a disease¹⁹ that could not be cured. And it came to pass, that day by day, by the end of two years, his bowels had fallen out by reason of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning²⁰ of his fathers. Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the burial—places of the kings.

¹¹ And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made AHAZIAH his youngest son king in his stead [B.C. 849]; for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had

slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. Forty and two years old was Ahaziah² when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. Therefore he did evil in the sight of Jehovah⁴ like the house of Ahab; for after the death of his father they were his counsellors to his destruction. He walked⁵ also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to fight against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth in Gilead. And the Syrians smote Jehoram. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because⁶ of the wounds wherewith they wounded him at Ramoth, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. And the downfall of Ahaziah was from God,⁷ by coming to Jehoram. For when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Jehovah had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, then he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, and he slew them. And he sought⁹ for Ahaziah. And they caught him, (for he had hidden himself in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu, and slew him. But they gave him burial; 'Because,' said they, 'he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Jehovah with 'all his heart.' So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep the kingdom.

But when ATHALIAH the mother of Ahaziah saw that¹⁰ her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. But Jehoshabath, the king's¹¹ daughter, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. So Jehoshabath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the Priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. And he was with them hidden¹² in the House of God for six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land [B.C. 849].

And in the seventh year [B.C. 843] Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. And they went round about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And all the assembly made a covenant on behalf of the king in the House of God. And he said to them, 'Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Jehovah hath said of the sons of David. This is the thing that ye shall do. A third part of you, both of the priests and of the Levites, who come in on the sabbath, shall be gate-keepers at the gates; and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the Foundation Gate; and all the people shall be in the courts of the House of Jehovah. But let none come into the House of Jehovah, save the priests, and they of the Levites that minister. They shall go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of Jehovah. And the Levites shall encompass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the House, he shall be put to death. But be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.' So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the Priest had commanded; and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, together with them that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the Priest dismissed not the courses. Moreover Jehoiada the Priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and shields, and bucklers, that had been king David's, which were in the House of God. And he set all the people, every man having his sword in his hand, from the right front corner of the House to the left front corner of the House, along by the altar and by the House, round about the king. Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and the testimonials, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, 'May the king live.'

Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people to the

slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. Forty and two years old was Ahaziah² when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the³ house of Ahab; for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. Therefore he did evil in the sight of Jehovah⁴ like the house of Ahab; for after the death of his father they were his counsellors to his destruction. He walked⁵ also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to fight against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth in Gilead. And the Syrians smote Jehoram. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because⁶ of the wounds wherewith they wounded him at Ramoth, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. And the downfall of Ahaziah was from God,⁷ by coming to Jehoram. For when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Jehovah had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, then he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, and he slew them. And he sought⁸ for Ahaziah. And they caught him, (for he had hidden himself in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu, and slew him. But they gave him burial; 'Because,' said they, 'he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Jehovah with 'all his heart.' So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep the kingdom.

But when ATHALIAH the mother of Ahaziah saw that¹⁰ her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. But Jehoshabath, the king's¹¹ daughter, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. So Jehoshabath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the Priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. And he was with them hidden¹² in the House of God for six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land [B.C. 849].

- ¹ And in the seventh year [B.C. 843] Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.
- ² And they went round about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the
- ³ fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And all the assembly made a covenant on behalf of the king in the House of God. And he said to them, ‘Behold, the king’s
- ⁴ ‘son shall reign, as Jehovah hath said of the sons of
- ⁵ ‘David. This is the thing that ye shall do. A third part
- ⁶ ‘of you, both of the priests and of the Levites, who come
- ⁷ ‘in on the sabbath, shall be gate-keepers at the gates;
- ⁸ ‘and a third part shall be at the king’s house; and a third
- ⁹ ‘part at the Foundation Gate; and all the people shall be
- ¹⁰ ‘in the courts of the House of Jehovah. But let none
- ¹¹ ‘come into the House of Jehovah, save the priests, and
- ¹² ‘they of the Levites that minister. They shall go in, for
- ¹³ ‘they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch
- ¹⁴ ‘of Jehovah. And the Levites shall encompass the king
- ¹⁵ ‘round about, every man with his weapons in his hand;
- ¹⁶ ‘and whosoever else cometh into the House, he shall be
- ¹⁷ ‘put to death. But be ye with the king when he cometh
- ¹⁸ ‘in, and when he goeth out.’ So the Levites and all Judah
- ¹⁹ did according to all things that Jehoiada the Priest had
- ²⁰ commanded; and they took every man his men that were to
- ²¹ come in on the sabbath, together with them that were to
- ²² go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the Priest dismissed
- ²³ not the courses. Moreover Jehoiada the Priest delivered
- ²⁴ to the captains of hundreds the spears, and shields, and
- ²⁵ bucklers, that had been king David’s, which were in the
- ²⁶ House of God. And he set all the people, every man
- ²⁷ having his sword in his hand, from the right front corner
- ²⁸ of the House to the left front corner of the House, along
- ²⁹ by the altar and by the House, round about the king.
- ³⁰ Then they brought out the king’s son, and put upon him
- ³¹ the crown, and the testimonials, and made him king. And
- ³² Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, ‘May the
- ³³ ‘king live.’
- ³⁴ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people to the

House of Jehovah. And she looked, and, behold, the king¹³ stood upon his pillar at the entrance, and the princes and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with the trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, 'Treason, 'Treason.' Then Jehoiada the Priest brought out the¹⁴ captains of hundreds that were set over the army, and said to them, 'Lead her forth within the ranks; and whoso 'followeth her, let him be slain with the sword.' For the Priest said, 'Slay her not in the House of Jehovah.' So¹⁵ they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entrance of the Horse Gate of the king's house, they slew her there.

And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all¹⁶ the people, and the king, that they should be Jehovah's people. Then all the people went to the house of Baal,¹⁷ and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the House¹⁸ of Jehovah by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed over the House of Jehovah, to offer up the burnt offerings of Jehovah, as written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as by command of David. And he set the gate-keepers at the gates¹⁹ of the House of Jehovah, that no one that was unclean in anything should enter in. And he took the captains of²⁰ hundreds, and the nobles; and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the House of Jehovah. And they came through the Upper Gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. And all the people of the land²¹ rejoiced. And the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

JOASH was seven years old when he began to reign, and¹ he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Joash did what was² right in the sight of Jehovah all the days of Jehoiada the Priest. And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he³ begat sons and daughters.

And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded⁴ to repair the House of Jehovah. And he gathered to-⁵

gether the priests and the Levites, and said to them, 'Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the House of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter.' Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.

⁶ And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, 'Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tribute ordered by Moses the servant of Jehovah [Ex. xxx. 13], and by the assembly of Israel, for the Tent of the Testimo-
⁷ nials?' For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the House of God; and also all the holy things of the House of Jehovah had they bestowed upon
⁸ Baal. And at the king's command they made a chest, and
⁹ set it outside at the gate of the House of Jehovah. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to Jehovah the tribute that Moses the servant
¹⁰ of God had laid upon Israel in the desert. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until it was full.

¹ Now it came to pass, that at the time that the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and they gathered money in
² abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the House of Jehovah; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the House of Jehovah, and also such as wrought iron and copper to
³ strengthen the House of Jehovah. So the workmen wrought the work; and the mending went on upon the work by their hands; and they set the House of God in
⁴ its first state, and made it strong. And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; and of it were made vessels for the House of Jehovah, even vessels to minister, and to offer with, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered up burnt offerings in the House of Jehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada.

⁵ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; a hundred and thirty years old was he when he

died. And they buried him in the city of David among¹ the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his House.

Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of¹¹ Judah, and bowed down before the king. Then the king hearkened to them. And they left the House of Jehovah¹⁸ the God of their fathers, and served images of Ashera and idols ; and wrath came on Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt. Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring¹⁶ them again to Jehovah. And they testified against them. But they would not give ear. And the spirit of God came²⁰ over Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the Priest. And he stood above the people, and said to them, 'Thus saith 'God, Why transgress ye the commandments of Jehovah? 'And ye cannot prosper, because ye have forsaken Jeho- 'vah, and he forsaketh you.' And they conspired against²¹ him, and stoned him with stones at the command of the king in the court of the House of Jehovah. Thus²² Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada the father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he [Zechariah] died, he said, 'May Jehovah look 'upon it, and require it.'

And it came to pass at the turn of the year, that the²³ host of Syria came up against him. And they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. For the army of the²⁴ Syrians came with a small company of men, and Jehovah delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken Jehovah the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

And when they were departed from him (for they left²⁵ him in great diseases), his servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the Priest, and they slew him on his bed, and he died [B.C. 804]. And they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the burial places of the kings. And these are they that²⁶ conspired against him ; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonite woman, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabite woman. Now about his sons, and the greatness²⁷ of the tribute laid on him, and the foundation of the House of God, behold, they are written in the Commen-

tary of the Book of the Kings. And Amaziah his son—reigned in his stead.

¹ AMAZIAH was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah,² but not with a perfect heart. And it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his³ servants that had killed the king his father. But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where Jehovah commanded, saying, *The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.*

⁵ Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin. And he registered them from twenty years old and above, and he found them to be three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to⁶ war, that could handle spear and shield. He hired also a hundred thousand warriors of valour out of Israel for a⁷ hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver. But there came a man of God to him, saying, 'O king, let not the 'army of Israel go with thee; for Jehovah is not with⁸ 'Israel, or any of the children of Ephraim. But if thou 'wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle. Yet God will 'make thee fall before the enemy; for God hath power⁹ 'to help, and to cast down.' And Amaziah said to the man of God, 'But what shall we do for the hundred Kikars which 'I have given for the army of Israel?' And the man of God answered, 'Jehovah is able to give thee much more than¹⁰ 'this.' Then Amaziah separated them, (to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim,) for them to go home again. Therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

¹¹ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and he smote of¹² the Children of Seir ten thousand. And ten thousand did the Children of Judah take captive alive. And they brought them to the top of Selah [or Petra], and cast them down

from the top of the rock, so that they all were broken in pieces.

But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, ¹³ that they should not go with him to battle, spread themselves over the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from ¹⁴ the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the Children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed himself down before them, and burned incense to them. Therefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled ¹⁵ against Amaziah; and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, 'Why hast thou sought after the gods of the 'people, who were not able to deliver their own people 'out of thy hand?' And it came to pass, as he talked with ¹⁶ him, that [the king] said to him, 'Art thou made counsellor of the king? Forbear; why shouldest thou be 'smitten?' Then the prophet forbore, and said, 'I know 'that God hath counselled to destroy thee, because thou 'hast done this, and hast not hearkened to my counsel.'

Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to ¹⁷ Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, 'Come, let us look one another in the face.' And ¹⁸ Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, 'The bramble that was on Lebanon sent to the cedar 'that was on Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my 'son to wife. And there passed by a wild beast that was 'on Lebanon, and it trod down the bramble. Thou sayest, ¹⁹ 'Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thy heart lifteth 'thee up to boast. Abide now at home; why shouldest 'thou rush into trouble, so that thou shouldest fall, even 'thou, and Judah with thee?' But Amaziah would not ²⁰ hear, for it came of God, that he might deliver them into his hand, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they ²¹ looked one another in the face, he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. And ²² Judah was smitten down before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah ²³ king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake

down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim towards the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits. And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the House of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, the first and the last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel? Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following Jehovah, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish. But they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah [B.C. 778]. And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

Sixteen years old was UZZIAH [or Azariah] when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah did. And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God. And as long as he sought Jehovah, God made him to prosper. And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod. And he built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Maonites. And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah. And his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the Turning [of the wall], and he fortified them. Also he built towers in the desert and digged many wells; for he had much cattle, both in the Low Country, and on the Table-land; plowmen also, and vine-dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel; for he loved husbandry.

Moreover Uzziah had a host of fighting men, that went¹ out to war by bands, according to the number of their register by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. The whole number of the chief of the fathers of¹ the warriors of valour were two thousand and six hundred. And under their hand was a great army of three hundred¹ thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mightypower, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host¹ shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and slings for stones. And he made in Jerusalem¹ engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the corner-turrets, to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad ; for he was marvellously helped, till he became strong.

But when he became strong, his heart was lifted up to¹ his destruction ; for he transgressed against Jehovah his God, and went into the Great Hall [of the temple] of Jehovah to burn incense upon the altar of incense. And¹ Azariah the Priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of Jehovah, that were valiant men. And they¹ withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, 'It is not for thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto Jehovah, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, that are made holy to burn incense. Go thou out of the Sanctuary ; for thou hast trespassed ; neither shall it be for thine honour from Jehovah God.' Then Uzziah was wroth. And he had¹ a censer in his hand to burn incense ; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the House of Jehovah, from off the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest, and² all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead ; and they hurried him out from thence. Yea, himself hastened also to go out, because Jehovah had smitten him. And Uzziah the king was a² leper unto the day of his death. And he dwelt in a house of beds [or hospital], being a leper. For he was kept away from the House of Jehovah ; and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the² last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. So²

Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial-place which belonged to the kings; for they said, 'He is a leper.' And Jotham—his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 749].

¹ JOTHAM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

² And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah did. Howbeit he entered not into the Great Hall [of the Temple] of Jehovah. But the people did yet corruptly.

³ He built the Upper Gate of the House of Jehovah; and ⁴ on the wall at Ophel [the suburb] he built much. Moreover, he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the thicket-camps he built forts and towers.

⁵ He fought also with the king of the Children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the Children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, and ten thousand Cors [of nine bushels each] of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the Children of Ammon pay to him, both the second year, ⁶ and again the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before Jehovah his God.

⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the Book of the ⁸ Kings of Israel and Judah. He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years ⁹ in Jerusalem. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son—reigned in his stead [B.C. 734].

¹ AHAZ was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. But he did not do what was right in the sight of Jehovah, like David ² his father. For he walked in the ways of the kings of ³ Israel, and made also molten images for Baal. Moreover he burnt incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the nations whom Jehovah had cast out before the children of ⁴ Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense on the High Places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. ⁵ Therefore Jehovah his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. And they smote him, and carried

away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, who were all sons of valour; because they had forsaken Jehovah the God of their fathers. And Zichri, a warrior of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the household, and Elkanah that was next to the king. And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

But a prophet of Jehovah was there, whose name was Oded. And he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said to them, 'Behold, because Jehovah the God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up to heaven. And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondservants and handmaids unto you. But are there not surely with you, even with you, sins against Jehovah your God? Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of Jehovah is upon you.' Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, and said to them, 'Ye shall not bring in the captives hither. For whereas guilt against Jehovah is already upon us, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our guilt. For our guilt is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.' So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. And the men who were appointed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all that were naked among them. They even clothed them, and put shoes upon them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, near to their brethren. Then they returned to Samaria.

¹⁶ At that time did king Ahaz send to the kings of Assyria
¹⁷ to help him. For again the Edomites had come and smitten
¹⁸ Judah, and carried away captives. The Philistines also
had spread themselves over the cities of the Low Country,
and of the South Country of Judah, and had taken Beth-
shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shchocho with its
suburbs, and Timnah with its suburbs, Gimzo also and its
¹⁹ suburbs. And they dwelt there. For Jehovah brought
Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel. For he made
Judah disorderly, and he transgressed sore against Jeho-
²⁰ vah. And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came upon
²¹ him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. For
Ahaz took away a portion out of the House of Jehovah,
and out of the house of the king, and from the princes, and
gave it to the king of Assyria. But he was no help to him.

²² And in the time of his distress this king Ahaz did tres-
²³ pass yet more against Jehovah. For he sacrificed to the
gods of Damascus, who smote him. And he said, 'Because
'the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I
'sacrifice to them, that they may help me.' But they were
²⁴ the ruin of him, and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered to-
gether the vessels of the House of God, and cut in pieces
the vessels of the House of God, and shut up the doors of
the House of Jehovah, and he made for himself altars in
²⁵ every corner of Jerusalem. And in every city of Judah he
made High Places to burn incense to other gods, and pro-
voked to anger Jehovah the God of his fathers.

²⁶ Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, the first and
the last, behold, they are written in the book of the Kings
²⁷ of Judah and Israel. And Ahaz slept with his fathers.
And they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem. But
they brought him not into the burial-place of the kings of
Israel. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead
—[B.C. 727].

¹ HEZEKIAH began to reign when he was five and twenty
years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jeru-
salem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter
² of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the sight of
Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done.
³ He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened
the doors of the House of Jehovah, and repaired them.
⁴ And he brought the priests and the Levites, and gathered
⁵ them together into the Eastern Broad Place. And he said

to them, ‘Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves,
‘and sanctify the House of Jehovah the God of your
‘fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the
‘Holy [Place]. For our fathers have trespassed and 6
‘done what was evil in the eyes of Jehovah our God, and
‘have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from
‘the Tabernacle of Jehovah, and turned their backs. Also 7
‘they have shut up the doors of the Porch, and put out
‘the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered up
‘burnt offerings in the Holy [Place] to the God of Israel.
‘Therefore the wrath of Jehovah was upon Judah and 8
‘Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trembling, to
‘astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.
‘For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our 9
‘sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for
‘this. Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Jeho- 10
‘vah the God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away
‘from us. My sons, be not now negligent; for Jehovah 11
‘hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him,
‘and that ye should be ministers and incense-burners unto
‘him.’

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and 12
Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites;—
and of the sons of Merari; Kish the son of Abdi, and Aza-
riah the son of Jehaleleel;—and of the Gershonites; Joah 13
the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;—and of the
sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel;—and of the sons of 14
Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah;—and of the sons of
Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei;—and of the sons of Jedu-
thun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. And they gathered their 15
brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according
to the command of the king, in the words of Jehovah, to
cleanse the House of Jehovah. And the priests went into 16
the Inner Room of the House of Jehovah, to cleanse it.
And they brought out all the uncleanness that they found
in the Great Hall of Jehovah into the court of the House
of Jehovah. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad
into the valley of the Kidron. Now they began on the first 17
day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day
of the month came they to the porch of Jehovah; and they
sanctified the House of Jehovah in eight days; and on the
sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, 'We
' have cleansed all the House of Jehovah, and the Altar of
' burnt offering, with all its vessels, and the ceremonial
19 ' table, with all its vessels. Moreover all the vessels, which
' king Ahaz in his reign did defile in his transgression,
' have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are
' before the Altar of Jehovah.'

20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the
rulers of the city, and went up to the House of Jehovah.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and
seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the
kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he
commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them

22 up on the Altar of Jehovah. So they killed the bullocks,
and the priests took the blood, and sprinkled it on the
Altar. Likewise, when they had killed the rams, they
sprinkled the blood upon the Altar ; they killed also the

23 lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the Altar. And
they brought forward the he goats for the sin offering be-
fore the king and the assembly ; and they laid their hands

24 upon them. And the priests killed them, and with their
blood they cleansed the Altar from sin, to make atonement
for all Israel. For the king had commanded that the burnt

25 offering and the sin offering should be for all Israel. And
he set the Levites at the House of Jehovah with cymbals,
with psalteries, and with harps, according to the command
of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the
prophet ; for from the hand of Jehovah came the command
26 by the hand of his prophets. And the Levites stood with
the instruments of David, and the priests with the trum-

27 pets. And Hezekiah commanded to offer up the burnt
offering on the Altar. And when the burnt offering
began, then began the song of Jehovah with the trumpets,
and under the guidance of the instruments of David king

28 of Israel. And all the assembly worshipped, and the
singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded ; and all this
29 continued until the burnt offering was finished. And
when they had made an end of offering, the king and all
that were present with him knelt down and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded
the Levites to sing praise to Jehovah with the words of
David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with

gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. Then Hezekiah answered and said, 'Now ye have filled
 'your hands [with offerings] unto Jehovah, come near and
 'bring the sacrifices and thank offerings into the House of
 'Jehovah.' And the assembly brought in the sacrifices
 and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing
 heart, brought burnt offerings. And the number of the
 burnt offerings, which the assembly brought, was seventy
 bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs. All
 these were for a burnt offering to Jehovah. And the
 holy animals were six hundred oxen and three thousand
 sheep. But the priests were too few, so that they could
 not take the skin off all the burnt offerings. Therefore
 their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work
 was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves.
 For the Levites were more right in heart to sanctify them-
 selves than the priests. And also the burnt offerings were
 in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and with
 drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of
 the House of Jehovah was prepared. And Hezekiah re-
 joiced, and all the people, that God had made preparation
 for the people. For the thing was done suddenly. —

Then Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote
 public letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they
 should come to the House of Jehovah at Jerusalem, to keep
 the passover unto Jehovah the God of Israel. For the king
 had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in
 Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. For
 they could not keep it at the fit time, because the priests
 had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the
 people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. And
 the thing was right in the eyes of the king and in the eyes
 of all the assembly. So they established a decree to make
 proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even
 to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto
 Jehovah the God of Israel at Jerusalem; for they had not
 done it according as it was written for a long time. So the
 runners went with the public letters under the hand of the
 king and of his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and
 according to the command of the king, saying, 'Ye chil-
 'dren of Israel, turn again to Jehovah the God of Abra-
 'ham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant

‘ of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of
7 ‘ Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your
‘ brethren, who trespassed against Jehovah the God of their
‘ fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye
8 ‘ see. Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were,
‘ but hold out your hands to Jehovah, and come to his
‘ Sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever ; and serve
‘ Jehovah your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may
9 ‘ turn away from you. For if ye turn again to Jehovah,
‘ your brethren and your children will find compassion
‘ before them that have led them captive, so that they shall
‘ come again into this land. For Jehovah your God is
‘ gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face
10 ‘ from you, if ye return to him.’ So the runners passed
from city to city through the country of Ephraim and
Manasseh even unto Zebulun. But they laughed them to
11 scorn, and mocked them. Nevertheless some men of
Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves,
12 and came to Jerusalem. Whereas in Judah the hand of
God was to give them one heart to do the command of the
king and of the princes, by the word of Jehovah.
13 Now there were gathered together at Jerusalem much
people to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second
14 month, a very great assembly. And they arose and took
away the altars for sacrifice that were in Jerusalem, and
all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them
15 into the valley of the Kidron. Then they killed the pass-
over on the fourteenth day of the second month. And
the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified
themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings to the
16 House of Jehovah. And they stood in their place after
their manner, according to the Law of Moses the man of
God. The priests sprinkled the blood, which they re-
17 ceived from the hand of the Levites. For there were
many in the assembly that were not sanctified ; therefore
the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passover
animals for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them
18 unto Jehovah. For out of the multitude of the people,
many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun,
had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the pass-
over otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed
for them, saying, ‘ May the good Jehovah pardon every
19 ‘ one that prepareth his heart to seek God, Jehovah the

‘ God of his fathers, though he be not according to the
 ‘ purification of the Holy Place.’ And Jehovah hearkened ²⁰
 to Hezekiah, and healed the people. And the children of ²¹
 Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Un-
 leavened Bread for seven days with great gladness; and the
 Levites and the priests praised Jehovah day by day, with
 loud instruments unto Jehovah. And Hezekiah spake to ²²
 the heart of all the Levites that were skilful in the good
 skill of Jehovah. And they did eat throughout the solemn
 feast for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings, and making
 confession to Jehovah the God of their fathers. And the ²³
 whole assembly took counsel to keep seven other days.
 And they kept the seven days with gladness. For Heze- ²⁴
 kiah king of Judah brought up for the assembly a thousand
 bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes brought
 up for the assembly a thousand bullocks and ten thousand
 sheep. And a great number of priests sanctified them- ²⁵
 selves. And all the assembly of Judah, with the priests
 and the Levites, and all the assembly that came out of
 Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of
 Israel, and they that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So there ²⁶
 was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the days of Solomon
 the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in
 Jerusalem. Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed ²⁷
 the people. And He heard their voice; and their prayer
 came up to His holy dwelling-place, even unto heaven. —

Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were pre- ¹
 sent went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images
 in pieces, and cut down the groves of Ashera, and threw
 down the High Places and the altars out of all Judah and
 Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had
 utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel
 returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and ²
 the Levites after their courses, every man according to
 his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings
 and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks,
 and to praise at the gates of the camp [or courts] of Je-
 hovah. He appointed also the king’s portion of his sub- ³
 stance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning
 and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for
 the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the solemn

⁴ feasts, as it is written in the Law of Jehovah. Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, so that they might be encouraged in the Law of Jehovah.

⁵ And as soon as the command came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first of the corn, the grape juice, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in ⁶ abundantly. And the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were made holy to Jehovah their God, and laid ⁷ them in heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

⁸ And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the ⁹ heaps, they blessed Jehovah, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites ¹⁰ concerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, 'Since they began to bring the heave offerings into the House of Jehovah, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for Jehovah hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.'

¹¹ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the ¹² House of Jehovah. And they prepared them. And they brought in the heave offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully; and over them Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next. ¹³ And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the House ¹⁴ of God. And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gate-keeper toward the east, was over the free-will offerings of God, to distribute the heave offerings of Jehovah, ¹⁵ and the most holy things. And under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities [or courts] of the priests, in the office of trust, to distribute unto their brethren by courses, as well ¹⁶ to the great as to the small; beside those of the males who

were registered by their genealogy, from three years old and upward, even unto every one that entereth into the House of Jehovah, his daily portion for their service in their offices according to their courses ; both to the priests¹⁷ who were registered by their genealogy by the house of their fathers, and to the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their courses ; and to those¹⁸ of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, who were registered by their genealogy, through all the assembly ; for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. Also unto the Sons of¹⁹ Aaron, the priests, who were in the fields, the pasture lands of their cities, in every several city, the men that are above expressed by name, were to give portions, even to all the males among the priests, and to all that were registered by their genealogies among the Levites.

And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah ; and he²⁰ did what was good and right and truthful before Jehovah his God. And in every work that he began in the service²¹ of the House of God, and in the Law, and in the Commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and he prospered.

After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sen-¹nacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them by storm for himself. And when Hezekiah saw² that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, he took counsel with his princes³ and his warriors to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city. And they helped him. So there⁴ was gathered much people together, who stopped all the wells [or tanks], and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, ‘Why should the kings of⁵ Assyria come, and find much water?’ Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall on the outside, and he repaired the Millo [or Castle] of the city of David, and made swords and shields in abundance. And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered⁶ them together to him in the Broad Place of the [Ephraim] Gate of the city ; and he spake to their heart, saying, ‘Be⁷ strong and courageous, be not afraid nor cast down for

- ‘the king of Assyria, nor for all the rabble that is with him;
8 ‘for there are more with us than with him. With him
‘is an arm of flesh; but with us is Jehovah our God to
‘help us, and to fight our battles.’ And the people rested
themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.
- 9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem (but he himself was near Lachish, and all his power with him), unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and
10 unto all Judah that were in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus saith
‘Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that
11 ‘ye abide in the stronghold of Jerusalem? Doth not
‘Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by
‘famine and by thirst, saying, Jehovah our God will de-
12 ‘liver us out of the grasp of the king of Assyria? Hath not
‘the same Hezekiah taken away his High Places and his
‘altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye
‘shall worship before only one altar, and burn incense
13 ‘upon it? Know ye not what I and my fathers have done to
‘all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations
‘of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of
14 ‘my hand? Who was there among all the gods of those
‘nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could de-
‘liver his people out of my hand, that your God should
15 ‘be able to deliver you out of my hand? Now therefore
‘let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this
‘manner, neither yet believe him. For no god of any
‘nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of
‘my hand, or out of the hand of my fathers. How much
16 ‘less shall your God deliver you out of my hand?’ And his
servants spake yet more against Jehovah God, and against
17 his servant Hezekiah. He wrote also letters to rail against
Jehovah the God of Israel, and to speak against him, say-
ing, ‘As the gods of the nations of other lands have not
‘delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the
‘God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of my hand.’
- 18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jewish language
unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to
affright them, and to trouble them; so that they might
19 take the city. And they spake against the God of Jeru-
salem, as against the gods of the peoples of the land,
which are the work of the hands of man.
- 20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet

Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. And²⁷
Jehovah sent an angel, who cut off all the warriors of
valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king
of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own
land. And when he was come into the house of his god,
they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with
the sword. Thus Jehovah saved Hezekiah and the inha-²⁸
bitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the
king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and
guided them on every side. And many brought gifts unto²⁹
Jehovah to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah
king of Judah. So that he was raised up in the eyes of
all the Nations from thenceforth.

In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death ; and he²⁷
prayed to Jehovah. And He spake to him, and gave
him a wonderful sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again²⁸
according to the benefit done unto him ; for his heart was
lifted up. Therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon
Judah and Jerusalem. Then Hezekiah humbled himself²⁹
for the lifting up of his heart, both he and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of Jehovah came not upon
them in the days of Hezekiah.

And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour.²⁷
And he made for himself treasuries for silver, and for gold,
and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields,
and for all manner of pleasant jewels ; storehouses also for²⁸
the increase of corn, and grape juice, and oil ; and stalls for
all manner of cattle, and stalls for flocks. Moreover he²⁹
provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and
herds in abundance ; for God had given him very great
riches. This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water-³⁰
course of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west
side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all
his works. Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors³¹
of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of
the wonderful sign that was done in the land, God left him,
to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his kind-³²
ness, behold, they are written in the Vision of Isaiah the
prophet, the son of Amoz, in the Book of the Kings of
Judah and Israel. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers,³³
and they buried him on the hill-road of the burial-places

of the sons of David. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh—his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 698].

¹ MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign,
² and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem ; but did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, like the abominations of the nations, which Jehovah had cast out before
³ the children of Israel. For he built again the High Places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baal, and made images of Ashera, and worshipped all the host of the heavens, and served them. Also
⁴ he built altars in the House of Jehovah, whereof Jehovah had said, ‘In Jerusalem shall my Name be for ever.’ And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two
⁶ courts of the House of Jehovah. And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. Also he observed clouds, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a speaking bottle [or ventriloquism], and with wizards. He did much evil in
⁷ the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the House of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, ‘In this House, and in Jerusalem, which
‘I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my
⁸ ‘name for ever ; neither will I any more remove the foot
‘of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for
‘your fathers ; if only they will take heed to do all that I
‘have commanded them, according to the whole Law and
‘the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.’
⁹ So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err and to do worse than the nations which Jehovah had destroyed before the children of Israel.

⁹ And Jehovah spake to Manasseh, and to his people.
¹ But they would not hearken. Therefore Jehovah brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with grappling hooks, and bound him
² with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he was in affliction, he besought the face of Jehovah his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,
³ and prayed to him. And He was entreated towards him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jeru-

salem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Jehovah he was God.

Now after this he built a wall on the outside of the city¹¹ of David, from the west side, near the Gihon in the valley, even unto the entering in at the Fish Gate, and he carried it round to Ophel [the suburb], and raised it up to a very great height ; and he put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. And he took away the foreign gods, and¹⁵ the idol out of the House of Jehovah, and all the altars that he had built on the mountain of the House of Jehovah, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. And he¹⁶ repaired the altar of Jehovah, and sacrificed thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve Jehovah the God of Israel. Nevertheless¹⁷ the people did sacrifice still on the High Places, yet unto Jehovah their God only.

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer¹⁸ to his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel, behold, they are written in the Acts of the Kings of Israel. His prayer also,¹⁹ and how [God] was entreated towards him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built High Places, and set up images of Ashera and graven images, before he was humbled ; behold, they are written in the Sayings of the Seers. So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they²⁰ buried him in his own house ; and Amon his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 643].

AMON was two and twenty years old when he began to²¹ reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. But he did²² what was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as did Manasseh his father. For Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. And he humbled not himself before Jehovah, as Manasseh²³ his father had humbled himself ; but Amon trespassed more and more. And his servants conspired against him, and²⁴ slew him in his own house. But the people of the land²⁵ slew all them that had conspired against king Amon ; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead [B.C. 641].

JOSIAH was eight years old when he began to reign,¹ and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. And he did² what was right in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the

ways of David his father, and turned neither to the right
³ hand, nor to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a young man, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the High Places, and the images of Ashera, and the carved images, and the molten
⁴ images. And they brake down the altars of Baal in his presence; and the Sun-images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the images of Ashera, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the face of
⁵ the graves of them that had sacrificed to them. And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their own altars, and
⁶ cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto
⁷ Naphtali in their ruined places round about. And when he had broken down the altars, and the images of Ashera, and had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the Sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

⁸ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign [B.C. 624], when he had cleansed the land, and the House, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the House
⁹ of Jehovah his God. And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money of the income of the House of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered out of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin;
¹⁰ and they returned to Jerusalem. And they put it into the hand of them that had the oversight of the work in the House of Jehovah; and they gave it to the workmen that worked in the House of Jehovah, for the breaches and to re-
¹¹ pair the House. And to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for joists, and to roof the
¹² houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. And the men did the work faithfully. And over them were appointed Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to direct; and of the Levites, all that had
¹³ skill in instruments of music. Also some were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought

the work in any manner of service; and of the Levites some were scribes, and officers, and gate-keepers.

And when they brought out the money of the income ¹⁴ of the House of Jehovah, Hilkiyah the priest found a Book of the Law of Jehovah given by the hand of Moses. And ¹⁵ Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found a Book of the Law in the House of Jehovah.' And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan ¹⁶ carried the book to the king, when he brought the king word back again, saying, 'All that was committed to the hand of thy servants they are doing it. And they have ¹⁷ melted [or coined] the silver that was found in the House of Jehovah, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.' Then Sha- ¹⁸ phan the scribe told the king, saying, 'Hilkiyah the Priest hath given me a book.' And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the ¹⁹ words of the Law, that he rent his clothes. And the king ²⁰ commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, 'Go, inquire of Jeho- ²¹ vah for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found. For great is the wrath of Jehovah that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Jehovah, to do after all that is written in this book.'

And Hilkiyah, and they whom the king had appointed, ²² went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second [or Lower city];) and they spake to her to that effect. And she ²³ answered them, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, thus saith Jehovah, ²⁴ Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all these self-curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: Because they have forsaken me, and have ²⁵ burned incense to other gods, so that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you ²⁶ to inquire of Jehovah, so shall ye say to him, Thus saith

‘Jehovah the God of Israel, as touching the words which
27 ‘thou hast heard; Because thy heart was tender, and thou
‘didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his
‘words against this place, and against the inhabitants
‘thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst
‘rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard
28 ‘thee also, Jehovah hath said it. Behold, I will gather
‘thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy
‘grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil
‘that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabit-
‘ants of the same.’ So they brought the king word again.

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders
30 of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the
House of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah, and the in-
habitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites,
and all the people, great and small. And he read in their
ears all the words of the Book of the Covenant that was
31 found in the House of Jehovah. And the king stood in
his place, and made a covenant before Jehovah, to walk
after Jehovah, and to keep his commandments, and his
testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with
all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which
32 are written in this book. And he caused all that were pre-
sent in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the
inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of
33 God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah took away all
the abominations [or idols] out of all the countries that
belonged to the children of Israel, and made all that were
present in Israel to serve, even to serve Jehovah their
God. And all his days they departed not from following
—Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

1 Moreover Josiah kept a Passover unto Jehovah in Jeru-
salem. And they killed the Passover on the fourteenth
2 day of the first month. And he set the priests over their
charges, and encouraged them to the service of the House
3 of Jehovah. And he said to the Levites that taught all
Israel, who were holy to Jehovah, ‘Put the holy Ark in
‘the House which Solomon the son of David king of Israel
‘did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders.
‘Serve ye now Jehovah your God, and his people Israel,
4 ‘and prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers,
‘after your courses, as in the writing of David king of

‘ Israel, and in the writing of Solomon his son. And stand 5
‘ ye in the Holy Place according to the classes of the house
‘ of the fathers of your brethren the sons of the people, and
‘ after the division of the house of the fathers of the Levites.
‘ So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare 6
‘ your brethren, that they may do according to the word of
‘ Jehovah by the hand of Moses.’ And Josiah brought for 7
the sons of the people, out of the flock, lambs and kids, the
whole needed for the passover offerings, for all that were pre-
sent, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand
bullocks. These were out of the king’s substance. And his 8
princes brought as a freewill offering for the people, for the
priests, and for the Levites; even Hilkiah and Zechariah
and Jehiel, rulers of the House of God, gave to the priests
for the passover animals two thousand and six hundred of
the flock, and three hundred oxen. Conaniah also, and 9
Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah, and
Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, brought for the
Levites for the passover animals five thousand of the flock,
and five hundred oxen. So the service was prepared, and 10
the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their
courses, according to the king’s command. And they killed 11
the passover, and the priests sprinkled [the blood] from
their hands, and the Levites took the skin off. And they 12
removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them,
according to the classes of the houses of the fathers, unto
the sons of the people, to bring to Jehovah, as it is written
in the Book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.
And they cooked the passover with fire according to the 13
ordinance. But the other holy offerings cooked they in
pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and divided them speedily
among all the sons of the people. And afterward they made 14
ready for themselves, and for the priests; because the
priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering up the
burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites
prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of
Aaron. And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their 15
place, according to the command of David, and Asaph, and
Heman, and Jeduthun the king’s seer. And the gate-
keepers were at every gate; they could not depart from
their service; therefore their brethren the Levites prepared
for them. So all the service of Jehovah was prepared the 16

same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer up burnt offerings on the altar of Jehovah, according to the command
17 of king Josiah. And the children of Israel that were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of
18 Unleavened Bread seven days. And there was no Passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet ; neither did the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In the eighteenth year of the
19 reign of Josiah [B.C. 624] was this Passover kept.

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the House, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight at Carchemish by the Euphrates. And Josiah went out against him,
21 But [Necho] sent messengers to him, saying, ‘What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war. For God commanded me to make haste. Forbear thee from God, who is with me, that he destroy
22 ‘thee not.’ Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not to the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.
23 And the archers shot at king Josiah. And the king said to his servants, ‘Take me away ; for I am sore wounded.’
24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him into the second chariot that he had ; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died. And he was buried in the burial-place of his fathers. And all Judah
25 and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah. And all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and have made them an ordinance in Israel. And behold, they are written in the Lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his kindness,
27 according to what is written in the law of Jehovah, and his acts, the first and the last, behold, they are written—in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

1 Then the people of the land took JEHOAHAZ the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father’s stead in Jerusalem [B.C. 610]. Jehoahaz was twenty and three years
2 old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months

in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt put him aside at Jerusalem, and laid a tribute on the land of a hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver and a Kikar of gold. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. And he turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

JEHOIAKIM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign [B.C. 610], and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah his God. Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in copper fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of the House of Jehovah to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead [B.C. 600].

JEHOIACHIN was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem; and he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah. And at the return of the year, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the House of Jehovah, and made Zedekiah his [father's] brother king over Judah and Jerusalem [B.C. 599].

ZEDEKIAH was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah, who was a prophet from the mouth of Jehovah. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. But he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning to Jehovah the God of Israel.

Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and of the people, had transgressed very much after all the abominations of the Nations, and polluted the House of Jehovah, which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And Jehovah the God of their fathers sent to them by the hand of his messengers [or preachers], rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place. But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his

- words, and misused the prophets, until the wrath of Jehovah arose against his people, till there was no remedy.
- ¹⁷ Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the House of their Sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that had white hairs.
- ¹⁸ He gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the House of God, great and small, and the treasures of the House of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon [B.C. 589].
- ¹⁹ And they burnt the House of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all its palaces with fire, and
- ²⁰ destroyed all its goodly vessels. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the
- ²¹ reign of the kingdom of Persia; to fulfil the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah [in chap. xxv. 11], until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths. All the days of her desolation she kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.
- ² Now in the first year of CYRUS KING OF PERSIA [B.C. 538], that the word of Jehovah which was in the mouth of Jeremiah [chap. xxix. 10] might be accomplished, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom,
- ³ and put it also in writing, saying, ‘Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath Jehovah the God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him the House in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may Jehovah his God be with him; and let him go up.’

THE BOOK OF EZRA.

NOW IN THE FIRST YEAR of Cyrus king of Persia [B.C. 538], that the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah [ch. xxix. 10] might be fulfilled, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ‘Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, Jehovah the God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build for

‘him the House at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who-
 ‘ever there is among you of all his people, may his God
 ‘be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is
 ‘in Judah, and build the House of Jehovah the God of
 ‘Israel, (he is God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whoso-
 ‘ever is left in any place where he sojourneth, let the
 ‘men of his place help him with silver, and with gold,
 ‘and with goods, and with cattle, beside the freewill offer-
 ‘ing for the House of God that is in Jerusalem.’

Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and
 Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them
 whose spirit God had stirred up, to go up to build the
 House of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem. And all they
 that were about them strengthened their hands with ves-
 sels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with cattle, and
 with precious things ; beside all that was willingly offered.

Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the
 House of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought
 forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of
 his gods ; even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth
 by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered
 them unto Sheshbazzar [or Zerubbabel], the Prince of
 Judah. And this is the number of them ; thirty dishes of
 gold, a thousand dishes of silver, nine and twenty knives,
 thirty covered cups of gold, silver covered cups of a second
 sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.
 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand
 and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up
 with them of the captivity that were brought up from
 Babylon to Jerusalem.

Now these are THE CHILDREN OF THE PROVINCE [of
 Judea] that went up out of the captivity, of those that had
 been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of
 Babylon had carried away to Babylon ; and they came
 again to Jerusalem and Judah, every one to his own city.

Those who came with Zerubbabel ;
 Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai,
 Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of THE PEOPLE of Israel ;
 The sons of Pharosh [or Pharez], two thousand a hundred
 seventy and two.

The sons of Shephatiah three hundred seventy and two.

- ⁵ The sons of Arah, seven hundred and seventy and five.
⁶ The sons of the Pasha [or governor] of Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.
⁷ The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
⁸ The sons of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.
⁹ The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.
¹⁰ The sons of Bani, six hundred forty and two.
¹¹ The sons of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.
¹² The sons of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.
¹³ The sons of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.
¹⁴ The sons of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.
¹⁵ The sons of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.
¹⁶ The sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
¹⁷ The sons of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
¹⁸ The sons of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.
¹⁹ The sons of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.
²⁰ The sons of Gibbar, ninety and five.
²¹ The sons of Beth-lehem, a hundred twenty and three.
²² The men of Netophah, fifty and six.
²³ The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.
²⁴ The sons of Azmaveth, forty and two.
²⁵ The sons of the City of Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.
²⁶ The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.
²⁷ The men of Michmas, a hundred twenty and two.
²⁸ The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.
²⁹ The sons of Nebo, fifty and two.
³⁰ The sons of Magbish, a hundred fifty and six.
³¹ The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
³² The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
³³ The sons of Lydda, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.
³⁴ The sons of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
³⁵ The sons of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.
³⁶ THE PRIESTS ;
The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
³⁷ The sons of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.
³⁸ The sons of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 39

THE LEVITES ; the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the 40
sons of Hodaviah, seventy and four.

THE SINGERS ; the sons of Asaph, a hundred twenty 41
and eight.

The sons of the GATE-KEEPERS ; 42
the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater,
the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub,
the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai,
in all a hundred thirty and nine.

THE NETHINS [or Temple-servants] ; 43
the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha,
the sons of Tabbaoth, the sons of Keros, 44
the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,
the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, 45
the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hagab, 46
the sons of Shalmal, the sons of Hanan,
the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, 47
the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, 48
the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,
the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, 49
the sons of Besai, the sons of Asnah, 50
the sons of Maonim, the sons of Nephusim,
the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, 51
the sons of Harhur, the sons of Bazluth, 52
the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, 53
the sons of Thamah, the sons of Neziah, 54
the sons of Hatipha.

The sons of SOLOMON'S SERVANTS ; 55
the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth,
the sons of Peruda, the sons of Jaalah, 56
the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, 57
the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, the sons of Ami.
All the Nethins, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were 58
three hundred ninety and two.

And these are they that went up from Tel-melah, 59
Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but COULD NOT
SHEW THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE, and their seed, whether
they were of Israel ; the sons of Delaiah, the sons of To- 60
biah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. And 61

of the sons of the priests ; the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name ; these sought the writings of their genealogy, but they were not found ; therefore were they as polluted, put from the priesthood. And the Tirshatha [or Persian governor, Zerubbabel] said to them that they should not eat from the Holy of Holies, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

The whole assembly together was forty thousand two thousand three hundred and sixty, beside their servants, and their handmaids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven. And there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women. Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six ; their mules, two hundred forty and five ; their camels, four hundred thirty and five ; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the House of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the House of God to set it up in its place ; they gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work sixty and one thousand Darics [or pounds sterling] of gold, and five thousand Minahs [or 11,000 pounds weight] of silver, and one hundred priests' under-coats. So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gate-keepers, and the Nethins, dwelt in their cities, — and all Israel in their cities.

¹ AND WHEN THE SEVENTH MONTH was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then rose up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the Altar of the God of Israel, to offer up burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. And they set the Altar upon its stand ; for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the countries. And they offered up burnt offerings thereon unto Jehovah, burnt offerings morning and evening. And they kept the Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, each day's number in its own day. And afterward they offered up the continual burnt offering, both of

the new moons, and of all the solemn feasts of Jehovah, that were made holy, and for every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto Jehovah. From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto Jehovah. But the foundation of the Temple of Jehovah was not yet laid. 6

Now they gave money to the masons, and to the carpenters ; and food, and drink, and oil, to them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea coast at Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia. And in the second year of their coming to the House of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem ; and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the House of Jehovah. Then stood Jeshua with his sons, and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah [or Hodaviah] as one man, to set forward the workmen in the House of God ; the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid the foundation of the Temple of Jehovah, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise Jehovah, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by courses in praising and giving thanks to Jehovah ; *'for he is good, for his kindness endureth for ever toward Israel.'* And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised Jehovah, because the foundation of the House of Jehovah was laid. And many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the former House, when the foundation of this House was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice ; and many shouted aloud for joy ; so that the people could not distinguish the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people ; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off. 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building the Temple unto Jehovah the God of Israel ; then they came 1 2

to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said to them, 'Let us build with you ; for we enquire of your ' God, as ye do ; and we have sacrificed unto him since ' the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us
 3 ' up hither.' But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said to them, ' Ye have ' nothing to do with us to build the House unto our God ; ' but we ourselves alone will build unto Jehovah the God ' of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia had commanded
 4 ' us.' Then the people of the land weakened the hands of
 5 the people of Judah, and troubled them while building, and hired counsellors against them, to defeat their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 AND IN THE REIGN OF AHASUERUS [or Cambyses], in the beginning of his reign [B.C. 529], wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, to Artaxerxes king of Persia ; and the writing of the letter was written in Syriac letters, and translated into the Syriac
 8 tongue. Rehum the keeper of the decrees and Shimshai * the scribe wrote a public letter against Jerusalem to * Artaxerxes [or Cambyses] the king, in that manner. *

9 Afterwards wrote Rehum the keeper of the decrees, and * Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions ; * the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the * Apharsites [or Persians], the Erechevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Flamites, *
 10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble * Asnapper carried away, and set in the cities of Samaria, * and the rest that are beyond the River [Euphrates], and *
 11 so forth. This is the copy of THE PUBLIC LETTER that * they sent to him. *

'Unto Artaxerxes the king ; thy servants the men * beyond the River, and so forth. *

12 'Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up * from near thee to us are come to Jerusalem, and are * building the rebellious and the bad city, and are com- *
 13 pleting its walls, and repairing the foundations. Be * it known now to the king, that, if this city be builded, * and the walls be completed, then will they not pay *

* ' custom, tribute, and road-service, and in the end thou
 * ' wilt bring loss upon the kings. Now because we have ¹⁴
 * ' salt [or maintenance] from the palace, and it is not meet
 * ' for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we
 * ' sent and certified the king ; so that search may be ¹⁵
 * ' made in the book of the records of thy fathers ; so shalt
 * ' thou find in the book of the records, and know that
 * ' this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and
 * ' provinces, and that they have made sedition within
 * ' the same of old time ; for which cause was this city de-
 * ' stroyed. We certify the king that, if this city be builded ¹⁶
 * ' again, and its walls completed, by this means thou wilt
 * ' have no portion beyond the River [Euphrates].'

* The king sent answer, ¹⁷
 * ' Unto Rehum the keeper of the decrees, and to Shim-
 * ' shai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions
 * ' that dwell in Samaria, and to the rest beyond the
 * ' River, peace, and so forth.
 * ' The letter which ye sent to us hath been plainly read ¹⁸
 * ' before me. And of myself I made a decree, and search ¹⁹
 * ' hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time
 * ' hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion
 * ' and sedition have been made therein. There have been ²⁰
 * ' mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over
 * ' all the countries beyond the River ; and custom, tribute,
 * ' and road-service was paid to them. Make ye now a ²¹
 * ' decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city
 * ' be not builded, until a decree shall be made by my- ²²
 * ' self. Take heed now that ye fail not to do this ; why
 * ' should damage grow to the hurt of the kings ?'

* Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was ²³
 * read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their
 * companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem to the
 * Jews, and made them to cease by strength of arm and
 * by power. Then ceased the work of the House of God ²⁴
 * which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased until the second
 * year of THE REIGN OF DARIUS king of Persia. —

* Then [B.C. 520] the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and ¹
 * Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews that
 * were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God
 * of Israel, even to them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the ²
 * son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and

began to build the House of God which is at Jerusalem ;
and with them were the prophets of God helping them. *

3 At the same time came to them Tatnai the Pasha [or
governor] beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and
their companions, and said thus to them, ‘ Who hath
‘ made a decree for you to build this House, and to com-
14 ‘ plete this wall ? ’ Then we told them in like manner
what were the names of the men that were making this
15 building. But the eye of their God was upon the elders
of the Jews, that those men could not cause them to cease,
till a decree of Darius came ; and then they returned
answer by letter concerning this. *

6 The copy of THE PUBLIC LETTER that Tatnai, the
Pasha beyond the River, and Shethar-boznai, and his
companions the Apharsachites, who were beyond the
7 River, sent to Darius the king. They sent a letter to
him, wherein was written thus ; *

‘ Unto Darius the king, all peace. *

8 ‘ Be it known to the king, that we went into the pro-
vince of Judea, to the House of the great God, which
‘ is being builded with great stones, and timber is being
‘ laid in the walls, and this work goeth on fast, and
9 ‘ prospereth in their hands. Then asked we those elders,
‘ and said to them thus, Who made a decree for you to
10 ‘ build this House, and to complete these walls ? We
‘ asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might
‘ write the names of the men that were the chief of them. *

11 ‘ And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the
‘ servants of the God of heaven and earth, and are build-
‘ ing the House that was builded these many years ago,
‘ which a great king of Israel builded and completed. *

12 ‘ But after that our fathers had provoked the God of
‘ heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of
‘ Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who
‘ destroyed this house, and carried the people away to
13 ‘ Babylon. But in the first year of Cyrus the king of
‘ Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build
14 ‘ this House of God. And the vessels also of gold and
‘ silver of the House of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took
‘ out of the Temple that was in Jerusalem, and carried
‘ them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the
‘ king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were *

* ‘delivered to one, whose name was Sheshbazzar [or
 * ‘Zerubbabel], whom he had made Pasha ; and said to ¹
 * ‘him, Take these vessels, go, place them in the Temple
 * ‘that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded
 * ‘in its place. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid ¹
 * ‘the foundation of the House of God which is in Jeru-
 * ‘salem ; and since that time even until now hath it been
 * ‘in building, and yet it is not finished. Now therefore, ¹
 * ‘if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in
 * ‘the king’s treasure house, which is there at Babylon,
 * ‘whether it be so, that a decree was made by Cyrus the
 * ‘king to build this House of God at Jerusalem, and let
 * ‘the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.’—

* Then Darius the king made A DECREE, [saying]
 * ‘Whereas search hath been made in the house of the
 * ‘writings, where the treasures are laid up in Babylon,
 * ‘and there hath been found at Achmetha [or Egbatana],
 * ‘in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a
 * ‘roll, and therein is a record thus written ;

* ‘In the first year of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus
 * ‘the king made a decree concerning the House of God
 * ‘at Jerusalem,—Let the House be builded, the Place
 * ‘where they offered sacrifices, and let its foundations be
 * ‘strongly laid ; its height sixty cubits, and its breadth
 * ‘sixty cubits ; * * * with three rows of great stones,
 * ‘and a row of new timber ; and let the expenses be
 * ‘given out of the king’s house ; and also let the golden
 * ‘and silver vessels of the House of God, which Nebu-
 * ‘chadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at
 * ‘Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and
 * ‘brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem,
 * ‘each to its place, and place them in the House of God ;

* ‘Now therefore ye, Tatnai the Pasha beyond the
 * ‘River, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Aphar-
 * ‘sachites, who are beyond the River, be ye far from
 * ‘thence. Let alone the work of this House of God ; let
 * ‘the Pasha of the Jews and the elders of the Jews
 * ‘build this House of God in its place. Moreover of
 * ‘myself I make a decree as to what ye shall do to the
 * ‘elders of these Jews for the building of this House of
 * ‘God ; that out of the king’s goods, which are out of
 * ‘the tribute beyond the River, forthwith expenses be

' given to these men, that they be not hindered. And *
 ' that which they have need of, both young bullocks, *
 ' and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings to the *
 ' God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to *
 ' the appointment of the priests who are at Jerusalem, *
 ' let it be given them day by day without fail ; so that *
 ' they may bring gifts of sweet savour to the God of *
 ' heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. *
 ' Also of myself I make a decree, that whosoever shall *
 ' alter this command, let a beam be pulled down from his *
 ' house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon ; *
 ' and let his house be made a dunghill for this. And *
 ' may the God that hath caused his name to dwell there *
 ' overthrow all kings and people that shall put their *
 ' hand to alter and to destroy this House of God which *
 ' is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made the decree ; let *
 ' it be done with speed.' *

Then Tatnai the Pasha beyond the River, Shethar-boz- *
 nai, and their companions, according to that which *
 Darius the king had sent, so did they speedily. *

And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered *
 through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Ze- *
 chariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished *
 it, according to the command of the God of Israel, and *
 according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artax- *
 erxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on *
 the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth *
 year of the reign of Darius the king [B.C. 516]. And *
 the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and *
 the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedica- *
 tion of this House of God with joy, and brought as a gift *
 at the dedication of this House of God a hundred bul- *
 locks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs ; and for *
 a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to *
 the number of the tribes of Israel. And they set the *
 priests in their divisions and the Levites in their courses, *
 for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem ; as it is *
 written in the Book of Moses. *

And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon *
 the fourteenth day of the first month. For the priests and *
 the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, *
 and they killed the passover for all the children of the cap-

tivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the children of Israel, who were come back out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek Jehovah the God of Israel, did eat. And they kept the feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for Jehovah had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria [Darius] unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the House of God, the God of Israel. —

Now after these things, in THE REIGN OF ARTAXERXES ¹ [Xerxes I.] king of Persia, the chief priest was Ezra, the son of Seraiah [1 Chron. vi. 14], the son of Meraioth, the son of Azariah, the son of Zerariah, ⁴ the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Shallum, ² the son of Bukki, the son of Zadok, the son of Abishua, ⁵ the son of Ahitub, the son of Phinehas, the son of Amariah, ³ the son of Eleazar, the son of Azariah, the son of Aaron.

This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the Law of Moses, which Jehovah the God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all his request, because the hand of Jehovah his God was upon him. And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethins, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king [B.C. 479]. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. For on the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, because the good hand of his God was upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of Jehovah, and to do it, and to teach in Israel the statutes and judgments. ¹⁰

Now this is the COPY OF THE LETTER that the king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of Jehovah, and of his statutes to Israel. ¹¹

* 'Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a ¹²

* 'scribe perfect in the law of the God of heaven,

* 'and so forth.

* 'Of myself I make a decree, that all they of the peo- ¹

‘ple of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my king- *
‘dom, who are minded of their own freewill to go up to *
14 ‘Jerusalem, do go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art *
‘sent from before the king, and his seven counsellors, *
‘to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according *
15 ‘to the Law of thy God which is in thy hand; and to *
‘carry the silver and gold, which the king and his coun- *
‘sellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose *
16 ‘habitation is in Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold *
‘that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with *
‘the freewill offering of the [Jewish] people, and of the *
‘priests, who offer willingly for the House of their God *
7 ‘which is in Jerusalem; that thou mayest buy speedily *
‘with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal *
‘offerings and their drink offerings, and bring them unto *
‘the Altar of the House of your God which is in Jeru- *
8 ‘salem. And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and *
‘to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the *
9 ‘gold, that do after the will of your God. The vessels *
‘also that are given thee for the service of the House of *
‘thy God, those do thou restore before the God of Jeru- *
10 ‘salem. And whatsoever more shall be needful for the *
‘House of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to *
11 ‘bestow, bestow it out of the king’s treasure house. And *
‘of myself I, Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to *
‘all the treasurers who are beyond the River, that what- *
‘soever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God *
12 ‘of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, unto *
‘a hundred Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, and to *
‘a hundred Cors [or nine hundred bushels] of wheat, and *
‘to a hundred Baths [or seventy-five gallons] of wine, *
‘and to a hundred Baths of oil, and salt without measure. *
13 ‘Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it *
‘be diligently done for the House of the God of heaven; *
‘for why should there be wrath against the kingdom of *
14 ‘the king and his sons? Also we certify you, that *
‘touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, door- *
‘keepers, Nethins, or ministers of this House of God, it *
‘shall not be lawful to impose custom, tribute, or road- *
15 ‘service, upon them. And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom *
‘of thy God, that is in thy hand, set magistrates and *
‘judges, who may judge all the people that are beyond *

* 'the River, all such as know the laws of thy God; and
 * 'teach ye them that know them not. And whosoever ²⁶
 * 'will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king,
 * 'let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether
 * 'it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation
 * 'of goods, or to imprisonment.'

Blessed be Jehovah the God of our fathers, who hath ²⁷
 put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify
 the House of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem; and hath ²⁸
 extended kindness to me before the king, and his coun-
 sellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I
 was strengthened because the hand of Jehovah my God
 was upon me; and I gathered together out of Israel
 chief men to go up with me.

Now THESE are the chief of their fathers, and this is ¹
 the genealogy of them that went up with me from Baby-
 lon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom; ²

of the sons of Ithmar; Daniel;

of the sons of David; Hattush, one of the sons of Shecha- ³
 niah;

of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah, and with him were
 reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty.

Of the sons of the Pasha of Moab; Elihoenai the son of ⁴
 Zarahiah, and with him two hundred males.

Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with ⁵
 him three hundred males.

Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and ⁶
 with him fifty males.

And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, ⁷
 and with him seventy males.

And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of ⁸
 Michael, and with him eighty males.

Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with ⁹
 him two hundred and eighteen males.

And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and ¹⁰
 with him a hundred and sixty males.

And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, ¹¹
 and with him twenty and eight males.

And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the youngest son, and ¹²
 with him a hundred and ten males.

And of the latter sons of Adonikam, whose names are ¹³

these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males.

¹⁴ Of the sons also of Bigvai ; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

¹⁵ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava ; and there abode we in tents three days ; and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of
¹⁶ the sons of Levi. Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men ; also for Joairib, and for Elnathan, men
¹⁷ of understanding. And I sent them with command unto Iddo the chief at the place Caspia, and I told them what they should say to Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethins, at the place Caspia, that they should bring to us
¹⁸ ministers for the House of our God. And because of the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, even Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen ;—and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty ;—
²⁰ also of the Nethins, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethins ; all of them were appointed by name.

²¹ Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek from him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and
²² for all our substance. For I was ashamed to ask from the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way ; because we had spoken to the king, saying, ‘The hand of our God is upon all them for
²³ ‘good that seek him ; but his power and his wrath is ‘against all them that forsake him.’ So we fasted and besought our God for this ; and he was entreated towards us.

²⁴ Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with
²⁵ them, and I weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the heave offering for the House of our God, which the king and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered ; I even weighed
²⁶ unto their hand six hundred and fifty Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver, and silver vessels a hundred Kikars, and

of gold a hundred Kikars ; also twenty covered cups of gold, of a thousand Darics ; and two vessels of fine yellow copper [or brass], as precious as gold. And I said to them, ' Ye are holy unto Jehovah ; the vessels are holy also ; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to Jehovah the God of your fathers. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the House of Jehovah.' So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem ; and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. And on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the House of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the Priest ; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas ; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites ; by number and by weight of every one ; and all the weight was written at that time. Also the children of those that had been carried away, who were come out from the captivity, brought burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, with twelve he goats for a sin offering ; all this was a burnt offering unto Jehovah. And they delivered the king's decrees to the king's Satraps [or lieutenants], and to the Pashas [or governors] beyond the River [Euphrates]. And they furthered the people, and the House of God.

Now when these things were finished, the princes came to me, saying, ' The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken some of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons ; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands ;

‘yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in
3 ‘this transgression.’ And when I heard this thing, I rent
my garment, and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of
4 my head and of my beard, and sat down desolate. Then
were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the
words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of
those that had been in captivity; and I sat desolate until
the evening meal offering.

5 And at the evening meal offering I arose up from afflict-
ing myself; and having rent my garment and my mantle,
I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Jeho-
6 vah my God, and said, ‘O my God, I am ashamed and blush
‘to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are
‘increased over our head, and our guilt is grown up unto
7 ‘the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been
‘in great guilt unto this day; and for our iniquities have
‘we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand
‘of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to
8 ‘plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And
‘now for a little moment grace hath been shewed from Je-
‘hovah our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to
‘give us a tent-pin in his Holy Place, that our God may
‘give light to our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our
9 ‘bondage. For we were bondservants; yet our God did not
‘forsake us in our bondage, but extended kindness to us
‘in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving,
‘to set up the House of our God, and to repair the ruins
‘thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.
10 ‘And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we
11 ‘have forsaken thy commands, which thou hast commanded
‘by the hand of thy servants the prophets [Deut. vii. 1,
‘xxiii. 6], saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it,
‘is an unclean land with the uncleanness of the peoples of
‘the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it
12 ‘from end to end with their filthiness. *Now therefore give*
‘not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters to
‘your sons,—nor seek peace with them or their goodwill for ever;
‘so that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land,
‘and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.
13 ‘And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and
‘for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God hast punished
‘us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such

‘deliverance as this ; should we again break thy command-¹⁴
 ‘ments, and join in marriage with the peoples of these
 ‘abominations? Wouldest not thou be angry with us till
 ‘thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no rem-
 ‘nant nor escaping? O Jehovah God of Israel, thou art¹⁵
 ‘righteous ; for we are left the escaped, as it is this day.
 ‘Behold, we are before thee in our guilt ; for we cannot
 ‘stand before thee because of this.’ —

Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed,¹
 weeping and casting himself down before the House of God,
 there gathered themselves to him out of Israel a very
 great assembly of men and women and children ; for the
 people wept a great weeping. And Shechaniah the son of²
 Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra,
 ‘We have trespassed against our God, and have taken
 ‘foreign women of the peoples of the land to dwell with
 ‘us. Yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this
 ‘thing. Therefore let us now make a covenant with our
 ‘God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of
 ‘them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those
 ‘that tremble at the command of our God ; and let it be⁴
 ‘done according to the Law. Arise ; for this matter be-
 ‘longeth to thee ; we also will be with thee ; be of good⁵
 ‘courage, and do it.’ Then arose Ezra, and made the chief
 priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should
 do according to this word. And they sware.

Then Ezra rose up from before the House of God, and⁶
 went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib ; and
 when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water ;
 for he mourned over the transgression of them that had
 been in captivity. And they made proclamation throughout⁷
 Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity,
 that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem ;
 and that whosoever would not come within three days, ac-⁸
 cording to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his
 substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from
 the assembly of those that had been in captivity.

Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered them-⁹
 selves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was
 the ninth month, and the twentieth day of the month ; and
 all the people sat in the Broad Place of the House of God,
 trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

¹⁰ And Ezra the Priest rose up, and said to them, ‘Ye have
‘transgressed, and have taken foreign women to dwell with
¹¹ ‘you, to increase the guilt of Israel. Now therefore make
‘confession unto Jehovah the God of your fathers, and do
‘his pleasure ; and separate yourselves from the peoples of
¹² ‘the land, and from your foreign wives.’ Then all the as-
sembly answered and said with a loud voice, ‘As thou hast
¹³ ‘said, so must we do. But the people are many, and it
‘is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand out-
‘side, neither is this a work of one day or of two ; for we
¹⁴ ‘are many that have transgressed in this thing. Let now
‘our rulers be set over all the assembly, and let all them
‘that have taken foreign women to dwell with them in our
‘cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders
‘of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce
‘wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.’

¹⁵ So Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of
Tikvah were set over this matter ; and Meshullam and Shab-
¹⁶ bethai the Levite helped them. And the children of the
captivity did so. And Ezra the Priest, with certain chief
of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of
them by their names, were separated, and sat down on the
¹⁷ first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And
by the first day of the first month they made an end of the
matter with all the men that had taken foreign women to
dwell with them.

¹⁸ And among the sons of the Priests there were found some
that had taken foreign women to dwell with them ; namely,
of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren ;
¹⁹ Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedeliah. And they
gave their hands that they would put away their wives ; and
being guilty, they gave a ram of the flock for their guilt.

²⁰—And of the sons of Immer ; Hanani and Zebadiah.—And
²¹ of the sons of Harim ; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah,
²² and Jehiel, and Uzziiah.—And of the sons of Pashur ; Elie-
nai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa-

²³ Also of the Levites ; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah,
(the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

²⁴ Of the Singers also ; Eliashib.

And of the Gate-keepers ; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

²⁵ And of Israel ; of the sons of Pharosh ; Ramiah, and Jeziah,
and Malchiah, and Miamim, and Eleazar, and Malchijah,

and Benaiah.—And of the sons of Elam ; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.—And of the sons of Zattu ; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.—And of the sons of Bebai ; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.—And of the sons of Bani ; Meshullam, Mulluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.—And of the sons of the Pasha of Moab ; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.—And of the sons of Harim ; Eliezer, Ishiah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.—Of the sons of Hashum ; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.—Of the sons of Bani ; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.—
Of the sons of Nebo ; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

All these had taken foreign wives ; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

THE WORDS OF NEHEMIAH the son of Hachaliah. 1
And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year [of Artaxerxes Longimanus, B.C. 445] as I was in Susa the royal city, that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah ; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said to me, ‘ The remnant that are left of the captivity there ‘ in the Province [of Judea] are in great affliction and reproach ; the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and ‘ its gates are burned with fire.’ And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned some days ; and I fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, and said, ‘ I beseech thee, O Jehovah God of heaven, O 5

‘great and terrible God, that keepest covenant and kindness for them that love him and observe his commandments; let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hearken to the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee. Both I and my father’s house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples; but if ye turn to me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though some of you be cast out unto the uttermost part of the heavens, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them to the Place that I have chosen to cause my name to dwell there.* Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou didst redeem by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who delight to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him to find mercy in the sight of this —‘man.’ For I was the king’s cupbearer.

1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him; and I took up the wine, and gave it to the king. Now I
2 had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Therefore the king said to me, ‘Why is thy countenance sad, seeing
3 ‘thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart.’ Then I was very sore afraid, and said to the
king, ‘Let the king live for ever. Why should not my
‘countenance be sad, when the city, the house of my father’s
‘sepulchres, lieth waste, and its gates are consumed with
4 ‘fire?’ Then the king said to me, ‘For what then dost
‘thou make request?’ So I prayed to the God of heaven.
5 And I said to the king, ‘If it please the king, and if thy
‘servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest
‘send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ sepulchres,
6 ‘that I may build it up.’ And the king said to me, (the queen also sitting beside him,) ‘For how long a time shall

‘thy journey be? and when wilt thou return?’ So it pleased the king to send me; and I gave him a fixed time. Moreover I said to the king, ‘If it please the king, let
‘royal letters be given me to the Pashas [or governors]
‘beyond the River [Euphrates], that they may convey me
‘forward till I come into Judah; and a royal letter to
‘Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me
‘timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which
‘belongeth to the House, and for the wall of the city, and
‘for the House that I am going to.’ And the king gave them me, because the good hand of my God was upon me.

Then I came to the Pashas beyond the River, and gave
to them the king’s royal letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. And I went out by night by the Valley Gate, and to the front of the Dragon Well, and to the Dung Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates were consumed with fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King’s Pool; but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. Then went I up in the night by the Brook [Kidron], and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

Then said I to them, ‘Ye see the distress that we are
‘in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and its gates are burned
‘with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.’ Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ So they

strengthened their hands for this good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, 'What is this thing
120 'that ye are doing? Will ye rebel against the king?' Then answered I them, and said to them, 'The God of heaven
'he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise
'and build. But ye have no portion, nor right, nor
—'memorial in Jerusalem.'

1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the Sheep Gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the Tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the Tower of Hananeel.
2 And next to him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

3 But the Fish Gate did the sons of Senaah build, who also laid its beams, and set up its doors, its locks, and its
4 cross-bars. And next to them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next to them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next to them repaired Zadok the son
5 of Baana. And next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

6 Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams, and set up its doors, and its locks, and its cross-
7 bars. And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the Pasha beyond the River.

8 Next to him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the metal-founders. Next to him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they made Jerusalem free as far as the Broad Wall.

9 And next to them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Jerusalem.

10 And next to them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his own house. And next to him

11 repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah. Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of the Pasha of Moab, repaired a second portion, and the Tower of the Furnaces.

And next to him repaired Shallum the son of Lohesh, the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Jerusalem, he and his daughters. ¹²

The Valley Gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah ; they built it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its cross-bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall unto the Dung Gate. But the Dung Gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the neighbourhood round Beth-haccerem ; he built it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its cross-bars. ¹³

And the Fountain Gate repaired Shallun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of the neighbourhood round Mizpah ; he built it, and roofed it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its cross-bars, and the wall at the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Bethzur, unto the place over against the Sepulchres of David, and to the Pool that had been made, and to the House of the warriors. ¹⁴

And after him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Keilah, in his neighbourhood. After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the neighbourhood round Keilah. And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired a second portion over against the going up to the Armoury at the Turning [of the wall]. ¹⁵

After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired a second portion, from the Turning unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz a second portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. ¹⁶

And after him repaired the priests, the men of the country around. After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their own house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ahaniah beside his own house. After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad a second portion, from the house of Azariah to the Turning, even to the Corner. Palal the son of Uzai, over against the Turning, and the Tower which standeth forward from ¹⁷

the king's Upper House, that is by the court of the Watch House. After him Pedaiah the son of Pharosh.

²⁶ Moreover the Nethins [or temple-servants] who dwelt in [the suburb] Ophel [repaired] unto the place over against the Water Gate toward the east, and the Tower that ²⁷ standeth forward. After them the Tekoites repaired a second portion, from over against the Great Tower that standeth forward, unto the wall at Ophel.

²⁸ From above the Horse Gate repaired the priests, every ²⁹ one over against his own house. After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his own house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the ³⁰ keeper of the East Gate. After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, a second portion. After him repaired Meshullum the son ³¹ of Berechiah over against his own chamber. After him repaired Malchiah the son of Zerepi unto the house of the Nethins, and of the merchants, over against the Gate of ³² the Registry, and to the Ascent at the Corner. And between the Ascent at the Corner unto the Sheep Gate—repaired the metal-founders and the merchants.

¹ But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was wroth, and became very ² angry, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, ‘What are these ‘feeble Jews doing? Will they make themselves free? Will ‘they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they ‘revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which ³ ‘are burned?’ And Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, ‘Even that which they are building, if a fox ‘go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.’

⁴ (Hear, O our God, for we are despised; and turn back their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a ⁵ prey into a land of captivity; and cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.)

⁶ So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together as far as the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work.

⁷ But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went on,

and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, and conspired all of them together to come⁸ and to fight against Jerusalem, and to bring trouble on it. Then we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch⁹ against them day and night, in face of them. And Judah¹⁰ said, 'The strength of the bearers of burdens faileth, and 'there is much rubbish ; so that we are not able to build 'the wall.' And our adversaries said, 'They shall not¹¹ 'know, neither see, till we come in the midst among 'them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.' And¹² it came to pass, that when the Jews that dwelt near them came, they said to us ten times, 'From all the places 'whence ye are returning they will be upon us.'

Therefore I set in the lower places behind the wall, in¹³ the waste places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I¹⁴ looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, 'Be not ye afraid of 'them ; remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, 'and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your 'daughters, your wives, and your houses.'

And it came to pass when our enemies heard that it¹⁵ was known to us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, then we returned all of us to the wall, every one to his work. And it came to pass, from that time forth,¹⁶ that the half of my servants laboured in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail ; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They that builded on the¹⁷ wall, and they that bare burdens, being loaded, every one with one of his hands laboured in the work, and with the other hand he held a sword. For the builders, every one¹⁸ had his sword girded to his waist, and so he builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the¹⁹ rest of the people, 'The work is great and large, and we 'are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In²⁰ 'what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, 'resort ye thither unto us ; our God will fight for us.' So²¹ we laboured in the work ; and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars came out. Likewise at the same time said I to the people, 'Let every²²

‘one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, so that in
‘the night they may be a guard to us, and may labour in
23 ‘the day.’ So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants,
nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us put
—off our clothes; every one [went with] his sword for water.

1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their
2 wives against their brethren the Jews. For there were
some that said, ‘We, our sons, and our daughters, are
‘many; therefore we will get corn, that we may eat, and
3 ‘live.’ Some also there were that said, ‘We have mort-
‘gaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might
4 ‘get corn, because of the dearth.’ There were also some
that said, ‘We have borrowed money upon our lands and
5 ‘vineyards for the king’s tribute. Yet now our flesh is as
‘the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children;
‘and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters
‘to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought
‘unto bondage already; and no power have we; for other
‘men have our lands and vineyards.’

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these
7 words. Then my heart took counsel within me, and I
rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said to them, ‘Ye
‘exact usury, every one from his brother.’ And I set up
8 a great assembly against them. And I said to them, ‘We
‘after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews,
‘who were sold to the Nations; and ye even sell your
‘brethren. And they are sold to us.’ Then held they
9 their peace, and found no answer. Also I said, ‘It is not
‘good that ye do. Ought ye not to walk in the fear of our
‘God because of the reproach of the Nations our enemies?
10 ‘I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, are credi-
‘tors against them for money and corn. I pray you, let
11 ‘us leave off this usury. Restore, I pray you, to them,
‘even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive-
‘yards, and their houses, also the hundredth part
‘[monthly] of the money, and of the corn, the grape juice,
12 ‘and the oil, for which ye are creditors against them.’ Then
said they, ‘We will restore them, and will require nothing
‘from them; so will we do as thou sayest.’ Then I called
the priests, and took an oath from them, that they should do
13 according to this promise. Also I shook my lap, and said,
‘So God shake out every man from his house, and from

‘the fruit of his labour, that performeth not this promise, ‘even thus be he shaken out, and emptied.’ And all the assembly said, ‘Amen,’ and praised Jehovah. And the people did according to this promise.

Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their ¹⁴ Pasha in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year [B.C. 445] even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king [B.C. 433], that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of a Pasha. But the former ¹⁵ Pashas that had been before me were a burden upon the people, and had taken from them bread and wine, besides forty Shekels [or eighty shillings] of silver [monthly]. Yea even their servants bare rule over the people. But so did not I, because of the fear of God. Yea, also I continued ¹⁶ at the work of this wall, neither bought we any land; and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. Moreover there were at my table a hundred and fifty of ¹⁷ the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the nations that are about us. Now that which was ¹⁸ prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine. Yet for all this I desired not the bread of a Pasha, because the bond-service was heavy upon this people.

(Remember, O my God, for good, for my sake, all that ¹⁹ I have done for this people.)

Now it came to pass, when it was reported to Sanballat, ¹ and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors at the gates;) then Sanballat and Geshem ² sent to me, saying, ‘Come, let us meet together in the ‘villages in the valley of Ono.’ But they purposed to do me mischief. And I sent messengers to them, saying, ‘I ³ ‘am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. ‘Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come ‘down to you?’ Yet they sent to me four times after this ⁴ manner; and I answered them after the same manner.

Then Sanballat sent his servant to me after the same ⁵ manner the fifth time with a public letter open in his hand; wherein was written, ‘It is reported among the Nations, ⁶ ‘and Geshemu saith it, that thou and the Jews purpose to ‘rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou

- ⁷ ‘mayest be their king, according to these words. And thou
‘hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jeru-
‘salem, saying, ‘There is a king in Judah. And now it will
‘be reported to the king according to these words. Come
⁸ ‘now therefore, and let us take counsel together.’ Then I
sent to him, saying, ‘There are no such things done as
‘thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own
⁹ ‘heart.’ For they all made us afraid, saying, ‘Their hands
‘shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done.’
(Now, therefore, strengthen thou my hands.)
- ¹⁰ Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of
Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was in bondage; and
he said, ‘Let us meet together in the House of God,
‘within the Great Hall, and let us shut the doors of the
‘Great Hall; for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the
¹¹ ‘night will they come to slay thee.’ And I said, ‘Should
‘such a man as I flee? And who is there, that, being as
‘I am, would go into the Great Hall [of the Temple] to
¹² ‘save his life? I will not go in.’ And I considered, and,
behold, God had not sent him; but he pronounced this
prophecy against me, because Tobiah and Sanballat had
¹³ hired him. For this was he hired, that I should be afraid,
and do so, and should sin, that they might have matter
for an evil report, so that they might reproach me.
- ¹⁴ (My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat ac-
cording to these their works, and on the prophetess Noa-
diah, and the rest of the prophets, who would have put
me in fear.)
- ¹⁵ So the wall was finished on the twenty and fifth day of
¹⁶ the month Elul, in fifty and two days. And it came to
pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the
nations that were about us saw these things, they were
much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that
this work was wrought of our God.
- ¹⁷ Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many
public letters unto Tobiah; and those of Tobiah came
¹⁸ unto them. For there were many men in Judah sworn
unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the
son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter
¹⁹ of Meshullam the son of Berechiah. Also they reported
his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him.
—And Tobiah sent public letters to put me in fear.

Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I¹
 had set up the doors, and the gate-keepers and the singers
 and the Levites were appointed, that I gave my brother²
 Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over
 Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God
 above many. And I said to them, ‘Let not the gates of³
 ‘Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while
 ‘they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them;
 ‘and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 ‘every one in his watch, and every one over against his
 ‘own house.’ Now the city was large and great; but the⁴
 people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.
 And my God put into my heart to gather together the⁵
 nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be
 reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the
 genealogy of them that came up at the first, and I found
 written therein [Ezra ii.—iii. 1]; *These are the children of the*⁶
Province [of Judea], that went up out of the captivity, of those
that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon had carried away, and they came again to Jerusalem
*and to Judah, every one to his city; those who came with*⁷
Zerubbabel [B.C. 538], were
Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah,
Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth,
Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

The number of men of THE PEOPLE of Israel was this;
*The sons of Pharosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.*⁸
*The sons of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.*⁹
*The sons of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.*¹⁰
*The sons of the Pasha of Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab,*¹¹
two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.
*The sons of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.*¹²
*The sons of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.*¹³
*The sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty.*¹⁴
*The sons of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.*¹⁵
*The sons of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.*¹⁶
*The sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.*¹⁷
*The sons of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and seven.*¹⁸
*The sons of Bigvai, two thousand sixty and seven.*¹⁹
*The sons of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.*²⁰
*The sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.*²¹
*The sons of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.*²²

- ²³ *The sons of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.*
²⁴ *The sons of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.*
²⁵ *The sons of Gibeon, ninety and five.*
²⁶ *The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, a hundred eighty and eight.*
²⁷ *The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.*
²⁸ *The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.*
²⁹ *The men of the City of Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.*
³⁰ *The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.*
³¹ *The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty and two.*
³² *The men of Beth-el and Ai, a hundred twenty and three.*
³³ *The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.*
³⁴ *The sons of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.*
³⁵ *The sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty.*
³⁶ *The sons of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.*
³⁷ *The sons of Lydda, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.*
³⁸ *The sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.*
³⁹ **THE PRIESTS ;**
The sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
⁴⁰ *The sons of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.*
⁴¹ *The sons of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.*
⁴² *The sons of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.*
⁴³ **THE LEVITES ;** *the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel and of the sons of Hodevah, seventy and four.*
⁴⁴ **THE SINGERS ;** *the sons of Asaph, a hundred forty and eight.*
⁴⁵ **THE GATE-KEEPERS ;**
the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater,
the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub,
the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, a hundred thirty and eight.
⁴⁶ **THE NETHINS [or Temple-servants] ;**
the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hashupha,
⁴⁷ *the sons of Tabbaoth, the sons of Keros,*
the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon,
⁴⁸ *the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba,*
⁴⁹ *the sons of Shalmai, the sons of Hunan,*
the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,

the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, 50
the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, 51
the sons of Uzza, the sons of Phaseah,
the sons of Besai, the sons of Maonim, 52
the sons of Nephishesim, the sons of Bakkuk, 53
the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, 54
the sons of Harsha, the sons of Barkos, 55
the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,
the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha. 56

The sons of SOLOMON'S SERVANTS ; 57
the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth,
the sons of Perida, the sons of Jaala, 58
the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, 59
the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim,
the sons of Amon. All the Nethins, and the sons of Solo- 60
mon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

And these are they that went up also from Tel-melah, Tel- 61
haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer ; but they could not shew
their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel ;
the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 62
six hundred forty and two ; and of the priests ; the sons of 63
Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took one
of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was
called after their name ; these sought the writings of their 64
genealogy, but they were not found ; therefore were they, as
polluted, put from the priesthood. And the Tirshatha [or Per- 65
sian governor Zerubbabel] said to them, that they should not eat
from the Holy of Holies, till there stood up a priest with Urim
and Thummim.

The whole assembly together was forty thousand two thou- 66
sand three hundred and sixty, beside their servants and their 67
handmaids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred
thirty and seven ; and they had two hundred forty and five
singing men and singing women. Their horses, seven hundred 68
thirty and six ; their mules, two hundred forty and five ; their 69
camels, four hundred thirty and five ; six thousand seven hun-
dred and twenty asses.

And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the work. 70
The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand Darics [or
pounds sterling] of gold, fifty sprinkling buckets, five hun-

⁷¹ dred and thirty priests' under coats. *And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand Darics of gold, and two thousand and two hundred*
⁷² *Minahs [or five thousand pounds weight] of silver. And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand Darics of gold, and two thousand Minahs of silver, and sixty and*
⁷³ *seven priests' under coats. So the priests, and the Levites, and the gate-keepers, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethins, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.*

And when the seventh month [B.C. 538] was come, the —children of Israel were in their cities.

¹ *And [1 Esdras ix. 38—55] all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the Broad Place that was before the Water Gate ; and they spake to Ezra the scribe [B.C. 478] to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which Jehovah had com-*
² *manded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the First day of the Seventh month.*
³ *And he read therein before the Broad Place that was before the Water Gate from daybreak until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand ; and the ears of*
⁴ *all the people were upon the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a tower of wood, which they had made for the purpose ; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand ; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishaël, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and*
⁵ *Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people ; (for he was above all the people ;) and when he*
³ *opened it, all the people stood up ; and Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God. And all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' with lifting up their hands ; and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law ; and the people stood in their place. So they read in the Book in the Law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*

And Nehemiah who was the Tirshatha, and Ezra the Priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said to all the people. 'This day is holy unto Jehovah your God ;

'mourn not, nor weep.' For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, *'Go your* ¹⁰
way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to
'them for whom nothing is prepared ; for this day is holy unto
'our Lord. Neither be ye grieved ; for joy in Jehovah is your
'strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, *'Hold* ¹¹
'your peace, for the day is holy ; neither be ye grieved.' And ¹²
all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send
portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood
the words that were made known to them.

And on the second day were gathered together the chief ¹³
of the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Levites,
unto Ezra the scribe, even to be made to understand the
words of the Law. And they found written in the Law ¹⁴
which Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses,
that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the Feast
of the seventh month ; and that they should publish and make ¹⁵
proclamation in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go
forth unto the hill country, and fetch olive branches, and pine
branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches
of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

So the people went forth, and brought them, and made ¹⁶
themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house,
and in their courts, and in the courts of the House of
God, and in the broad place of the Water Gate, and in
the broad place of the Gate of Ephraim. And all the
assembly of them that were come home out of the cap- ¹⁷
tivity made booths, and sat under the booths ; for since
the days of Joshua the son of Nun unto that day had not
the children of Israel done so. And there was very great
gladness. Also day by day, from the first day unto the ¹⁸
last day, he [Ezra] read in the Book of the Law of God.
And they kept the Feast [of Tabernacles] for seven days ;
and on the eighth day was a day of restraint [from work],
according to the ordinance. —

Now on the twenty and fourth day of this month ¹
[B.C. 444] the children of Israel were assembled with
fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. And ²
the seed of Israel separated themselves from all the sons
of foreigners ; and they stood and confessed their sins, and
the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in ³

their place, and read in the Book of the Law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshipped Jehovah their God.

- ⁴ Then stood up upon the steps these of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and they cried with a loud voice unto Jehovah
⁵ their God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, ‘Stand up and bless Jehovah your God from
‘everlasting to everlasting; and let them bless thy glorious
‘name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
⁶ ‘Thou, even thou, art Jehovah alone; thou hast made the
‘heavens, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the
‘earth, and all things that are thereon, the ocean, and all
‘that is therein, and thou preservest them all alive; and
⁷ ‘the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Thou art Jehovah
‘God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth
‘out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of
⁸ ‘Abraham; and didst find his heart faithful before thee,
‘and *madest the covenant with him to give the land of the*
‘*Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and*
‘*the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it to his seed*; and
‘thou hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous.
⁹ ‘And thou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Lower
¹⁰ ‘Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; and
‘shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his
‘servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou
‘knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst
¹¹ ‘thou make for thyself a name, as it is this day. And
‘thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went
‘through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and those
‘who pursued them thou threwest into the deep, as a
¹² ‘stone into the mighty waters. Moreover thou *leddest*
‘*them in the day by a pillar of cloud*; and *in the night by a*
‘*pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they*
¹³ ‘*should go*. Thou *camest down also upon Mount Sinai*, and
‘spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right
‘judgments, and true laws, good statutes and command-
¹⁴ ‘ments; and madest known to them thy holy sabbath, and
‘commandedst them commandments, statutes, and laws,
‘by the hand of Moses thy servant; and gavest them bread
‘from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water

' for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst
 ' them that they should go in to possess the land about
 ' which thou hadst lifted up thy hand [in oath] that thou
 ' wouldest give it to them. But they and our fathers dealt ¹⁶
 ' proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to
 ' thy commandments, and refused to obey, neither were ¹⁷
 ' mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them ; but
 ' hardened their necks, and in their rebellion *appointed a*
 ' *captain to return to their bondage.* But thou art a God of
 ' pardons, *gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant*
 ' *in kindness,* and forsookest them not. Yea, when they had ¹⁸
 ' made them a molten calf, and said, *This is thy God that*
 ' *brought thee up out of Lower Egypt,* and had wrought great
 ' provocations ; yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest ¹⁹
 ' them not in the desert. *The pillar of cloud was not*
 ' *removed from them by day, to lead them in the way, neither*
 ' *the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light,* and the way
 ' wherein they should go. Thou gavest also thy good ²⁰
 ' spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna
 ' from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
 ' Yea, for forty years didst thou sustain them in the desert, ²¹
 ' so that they lacked nothing ; *their cloaks were not worn*
 ' *out, and their feet swelled not.*

' Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, and ²²
 ' didst divide them into districts ; so they took possession of
 ' the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and
 ' the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children also mul- ²³
 ' tipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them
 ' into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to
 ' their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. So the ²⁴
 ' children went in and possessed the land, and thou sub-
 ' duedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Ca-
 ' naanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their
 ' kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with
 ' them as they would. And they took strong cities, and a ²⁵
 ' fat land, and gained possession of houses full of all good
 ' things, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit
 ' trees in abundance ; so they did eat and were filled, and
 ' became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

' Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against ²⁶
 ' thee, and cast thy Law behind their backs, and slew thy
 ' prophets who protested against them to turn them to thee ;

- 27 ' and they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed
' them. Yet in the time of their trouble, when they cried
' to thee, thou heardest them from heaven ; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours,
28 ' who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. But
' when they had rest, *they did evil again before thee*. Therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so
' that they had the dominion over them. Yet when they
' returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from
' heaven ; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies. And thou didst protest against them,
29 ' that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law. Yet
' they dealt proudly, and hearkened not to thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (*which if a man do, he shall live in them ;*) and they turned a stubborn
' shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hearken.
30 ' Yet for many years didst thou bear with them, and
' didst protest against them by thy spirit in the hand of
' thy prophets ; yet would they not give ear. Therefore
' gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the
31 ' lands. Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou
' didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them ; for
' thou art a gracious and merciful God.
- 32 ' Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the
' terrible God, who keepest covenant and kindness, let not
' all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon
' us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and
' on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people,
' since the time of the kings of Assyria, unto this day.
33 ' Howbeit thou art just in all that is come upon us ; for thou
34 ' hast done right, but we have done wickedly ; and as for our
' kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers, they have
' not kept thy law, nor hearkened to thy commandments
' and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against
35 ' them. For they have not served thee in their kingdom,
' and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in
' the large and fat land which thou gavest before them,
36 ' neither turned they from their wicked works. Behold,
' we are bond-servants this day, and as for the land that
' thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and
' the good thereof, behold, we are bond-servants in it.

‘ And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou³⁷
 ‘ hast set over us because of our sins. Also they have
 ‘ dominion over our bodies and over our cattle, at their
 ‘ pleasure ; and we are in great distress. And because of³⁸
 ‘ all this we make a sure covenant, and write it ; and our
 ‘ princes, Levites, and priests, have sealed it.’ —

NOW THOSE THAT SET THEIR SEALS were, Nehemiah, the¹
 Tirshatha [or Persian governor], the son of Hachaliah,
 and Zidkijah, Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,²
 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, Hattush,³
 Shebaniah, Malluch, Harim, Meremoth,⁵
 Obadiah, Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,⁶
 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, Maaziah,⁷
 Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the PRIESTS.⁸
 And the LEVITES ; both Jeshua the son of Azaniah,⁹
 Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel,
 and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah,¹⁰
 Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, Micha,¹¹
 Rehob, Hashabiah, Zaccur, Sherebiah,¹²
 Shebaniah, Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.¹³

The chief of the PEOPLE ;¹⁴
 Pharosh, the Pasha of Moab, Elam, Zatthu,¹⁵
 Bani, Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, Adonijah, Bigvai,¹⁶
 Adin, Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, Hodijah,¹⁷
 Hashum, Bezai, Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,¹⁹
 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, Meshezabel, Zadok,²¹
 Jaddua, Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, Hoshea,²³
 Hananiah, Hashub, Lohesh, Pileha, Shobek,²⁴
 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, and Ahijah,²⁶
 Hanan, Anan, Malluch, Harim, Baanah.²⁷

And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the²⁸
 gate-keepers, the singers, the Nethins, and all they that
 had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands
 unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their
 daughters, every one having knowledge, and having under-
 standing ; they clave to their brethren, their nobles, and²⁹
 entered into a self-curse, and into an oath, to walk in God’s
 law, which was given by the hand of Moses the servant of
 God, and to observe and do all the commandments of Je-
 hovah our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes ; and³⁰
 that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the
 land, nor take their daughters for our sons ; and if the³¹

people of the land bring wares or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on a sabbath, or on a holy day ; and that we would release the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

- ³² Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a Shekel for the service of the
- ³³ House of our God ; for the ceremonial bread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the solemn feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the
- ³⁴ House of our God. And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the gift of wood, to bring it to the House of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the Altar of Jehovah our God, as it is written in the Law [Lev. vi. 12].
- ³⁵ And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the House
- ³⁶ of Jehovah ; also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law [Numb. xviii. 15], and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the House of our God, unto the priests that minister in the House of
- ³⁷ our God ; and that we should bring the first of our dough, and our heave offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, the grape juice, and the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the House of our God ; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the
- ³⁸ tithes in all the cities of our tillage. And the Priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes ; and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the House of our God, to the chambers, into the
- ³⁹ treasure house. For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the heave offering of the corn, of the grape juice, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the Sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the gate-keepers, and the singers ; and we will not forsake —the House of our God.

- ¹ And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem ; the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell
- ² in other cities. And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

And THESE ARE THE CHIEFS of the Province [of Judea] ³ that dwelt in Jerusalem, (but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities), to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethins, and the children of Solomon's servants. And at Jerusalem dwelt some of ⁴ the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin.

Of the children of Judah ; Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Pharez ; and Maaseiah, the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the ⁵ son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. All the sons of ⁶ Pharez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred sixty and eight valiant men.

And these are the sons of Benjamin ; Sallu the son of ⁷ Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred ⁸ twenty and eight. And Joel the son of Zichri was their ⁹ chief ; and Judah the son of Senuah was over the Second [or Lower] city.

Of the Priests ; Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin. ¹⁰ Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son ¹¹ of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the House of God. And their brethren that did ¹² the work of the House were eight hundred twenty and two ; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah, and his brethren, chief of the fathers, ¹³ two hundred forty and two ; and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, and their brethren, mighty men of valour, a hun- ¹⁴ dred twenty and eight ; and their chief was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

Also of the Levites ; Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the ¹⁵ son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni ; and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, ¹⁶ had the oversight of the outward business of the House of God. And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, ¹⁷ the son of Asaph, was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer ; and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son

¹⁸ of Jeduthun. All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred eighty and four.

¹⁹ Moreover the Gate-keepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept guard at the gates, were a hundred seventy and two.

²⁰ And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. But the Nethins dwelt in [the suburb] Ophel ;
²¹ and Zihah and Gispah were over the Nethins.

²² The chief also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha.

Some of the sons of Asaph, the singers, were over the
²³ business of the House of God ; for it was the command of the king [Artaxerxes] concerning them that a certain
²⁴ portion should be for the singers, a rate day by day. And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zarah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

²⁵ And for the villages in their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt.

at the City of Arba, and in its suburbs,

and at Dibon, and in its suburbs,

and at Jekabzeel [or Kabzeel], and in its villages,

²⁶ and at Jeshua, and at Moladah,

²⁷ and at Beth-phelet, and at the village of Shual,

²⁸ and at Beer-sheba, and its suburbs, and at Ziklag,

and at Mekonah, and in its suburbs,

²⁹ and at Ain-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

³⁰ Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages,

at Lachish, and its fields,

at Azekah, and in its suburbs. And they were encamped from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

³¹ The children also of Benjamin dwelt from Geba to Mich-

³² mash, and Aija, and Beth-el, and in its suburbs,

³³ and at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, the village of Ramah,

³⁴ Gittaim, Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

³⁵ Lydda, and Ono, the valley of Charashim [or the Carpenters].

³⁶ And of the Levites, some divisions belonging to Judah were—in Benjamin.

¹ Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up

‘the fire in the day of the assembly. And it came to pass ¹¹
‘at the end of forty days and forty nights, that Jehovah
‘gave to me the two tables of stone, even the Tables of
‘the Covenant. And Jehovah said to me, Arise, get ¹²
‘thee down quickly from hence ; for thy people whom
‘thou hast brought out of Lower Egypt have corrupted
‘themselves ; they are quickly turned aside out of the
‘way which I commanded them ; they have made for
‘themselves a molten image.

‘Furthermore Jehovah spake to me, saying, I have ¹³
‘seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people.
‘Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their ¹⁴
‘name from under the heavens ; and I will make of thee
‘a nation mightier and greater than they. So I turned and ¹⁵
‘came down from the Mountain, and the Mountain burned
‘with fire ; and the two Tables of the Covenant were in
‘my two hands. And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned ¹⁶
‘against Jehovah your God, and had made to you a molten
‘calf ; ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which
‘Jehovah had commanded you. And I seized the Two ¹⁷
‘Tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them
‘before your eyes ; and I threw myself down before Jehovah, ¹⁸
‘as at the first, for forty days and forty nights ; I did neither
‘eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which
‘ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of Jehovah, to
‘provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and ¹⁹
‘wrath wherewith Jehovah was wroth against you to de-
‘stroy you. But Jehovah hearkened to me at that time
‘also. And Jehovah was very angry with Aaron to have ²⁰
‘destroyed him ; and I prayed for Aaron also at the same
‘time. And I took your sin, the Calf which ye had made, ²¹
‘and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it tho-
‘roughly, even until it was as small as dust ; and I cast
‘the dust thereof into the brook that came down from the
‘Mountain. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at the ²²
‘Burial-place of Taavah, ye provoked Jehovah to wrath.
‘Likewise when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, ²³
‘saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given
‘you ; then ye rebelled against the commands of Jehovah
‘your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his
‘voice. Ye have been rebellious against Jehovah from the ²⁴
‘day that I knew you. Thus I threw myself down before ²⁵

‘Jehovah for forty`days and forty nights, as I had before
26 ‘thrown myself down; because Jehovah had said he would
‘destroy you. I prayed therefore to Jehovah, and said, O
‘Lord Jehovah, destroy not thy people and thine inheri-
‘tance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness,
‘which thou hast brought forth out of Lower Egypt with
27 ‘a mighty hand. Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac,
‘and Jacob; look not to the stubbornness of this people,
28 ‘nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin; lest the land
‘whence thou broughtest us out say, Because Jehovah was
‘not able to bring them into the land which he promised
‘them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them
29 ‘out to slay them in the desert. Yet they are thy people
‘and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy
— ‘mighty power and by thy stretched-out arm.

1 ‘At that time Jehovah said to me, Hew for thee two
‘Tables of Stone like the first, and come up to me on to
‘the Mountain; and make for thyself an Ark of wood.
2 ‘And I will write on the Tables the words that were on the
‘first Tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them
3 ‘into the ark. And I made an ark of acacia wood, and I
‘hewed two tables of stone like the first, and I went up
‘on to the Mountain, having the two tables in my hand.
4 ‘And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing,
‘the Ten Commandments, which Jehovah spake to you
‘on the Mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day
5 ‘of the assembly. And Jehovah gave them to me. And I
‘turned myself and came down from the Mountain, and
‘put the Tables in the Ark which I had made; and there
‘they are, as Jehovah commanded me.’

6 (And the children of Israel took their journey from the
Well of the sons of Jaakan to Mosera. There Aaron
died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son minis-
7 tered in the priest’s office in his stead. From thence they
journeyed to Gidgad; and from Gidgad to Jotbathah, a
land of brooks of water.)

8 ‘At that time Jehovah separated the tribe of Levi, to
‘bear the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah, to stand before
‘Jehovah to minister to him, and to bless in his name,
9 ‘unto this day. Therefore Levi hath no part nor inherit-
‘ance with his brethren; Jehovah is his inheritance,
‘according as Jehovah thy God promised him.

Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their chief. Also that day they sacrificed great sacrifices, and rejoiced ; for God had made them rejoice with great joy. The wives also and the children rejoiced ; so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

And at that time were some appointed over the chambers of the treasures, of the heave offerings, of the firstfruits, and of the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions fixed by the Law [Numb. xviii.] for the priests and Levites. For Judah rejoiced because of the priests and the Levites that waited. And both the singers and the gate-keepers kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the command of David, and of Solomon his son. For in the days of David and Asaph of old there had been a head of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, had given the portions of the singers and the gate-keepers, every day its portion ; and they had set apart some as holy for the Levites ; and the Levites had set apart some as holy for the Sons of Aaron.

On that day they read in the Book of Moses in the ears of the people ; and therein was found written, that *the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the assembly of God for ever ; because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them ; howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.* And it came to pass, when they had heard the Law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

Now before this, Eliashib the Priest, being set over the chamber of the House of our God, was allied unto Tobiah ; and he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they had laid the meal offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of corn, of grape juice, and of oil, which were commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the gate-keepers ; and the heave offerings for the priests. But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem ; for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon [B.C. 433] I had come to the king.

BUT AT LAST [B.C. 423 ?] I obtained leave of the king, and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that

- Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber
8 within the courts of the House of God. And it grieved me
sore. Therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of
9 Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I commanded, and they
cleansed the chambers. And thither brought I again the
vessels of the House of God, with the meal offering and
the frankincense.
- 10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not
been given them ; and the Levites and the singers, that did
11 the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended
I with the rulers, and said, ‘ Why is the House of God for-
‘ saken ? ’ And I gathered them together, and set them in
12 their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn
13 and the grape juice and the oil unto the treasuries. And I
made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest,
and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And
next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mat-
taniah ; for they were counted faithful, and their office
was to distribute to their brethren.
- 14 (Remember me, O my God, for this, and wipe not out
my good deeds that I have done for the House of my
God, and for the observances thereof.)
- 15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses
on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses ;
as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens,
which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day ; and
on the day wherein they sold victuals I protested against it.
- 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought fish, and
all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath to the children
17 of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the
nobles of Judah, and said to them, ‘ What evil thing is
18 ‘ this that ye do, and profane the sabbath-day ? Did not
‘ your fathers do thus ? and our God brought all this evil
‘ upon us, and upon this city ? Yet ye will bring more
19 ‘ wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.’ And it came
to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark
before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be
shut, and I commanded that they should not be opened till
after the sabbath ; and some of my servants set I at the
gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the
20 sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of
wares lodged for the night outside Jerusalem once or twice.

Then I protested against them, and said to them, ‘Why²¹
 ‘lodge ye over against the wall? If ye do so again, I will
 ‘lay hands on you.’ From that time forth came they no
 more on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that²²
 they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come
 and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

(Remember this also, O my God, for my sake, and spare
 me according to the greatness of thy kindness.)

In those days also saw I Jews that had taken to dwell²³
 with them wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab; and²⁴
 their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and did
 not know how to speak in the Jewish language, but accord-
 ing to the language of each people. And I contended²⁵
 with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them,
 and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God,
 [saying,] ‘Ye shall not give your daughters to their sons,
 ‘nor take any of their daughters to your sons or to your-
 ‘selves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin in these things?²⁶
 ‘And among many nations was there no king like him who
 ‘was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all
 ‘Israel. Nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to
 ‘sin. Shall we then hearken to you to do all this great evil,²⁷
 ‘to transgress against our God in taking foreign women to
 ‘dwell with you?’ And one of the sons of Joiada the son²⁸
 of Eliashib, the high priest, had married a daughter of
 Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me.

(Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled²⁹
 the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of
 the Levites.)

Thus cleansed I them from all foreigners, and appointed³⁰
 the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one on his
 work; and for the Gift of wood, at the times appointed,³¹
 and for the firstfruits.

(Remember me, O my God, for good.)

THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

NOW IT CAME TO PASS in the days of Ahasuerus, (this¹
 is Ahasuerus [or Xerxes I.] who reigned from India
 even to Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty
 provinces;) that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus²

sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Susa, the
3 royal city, in the third year of his reign [B.C. 483], he
made a drinking feast unto all his princes and his servants;
the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes
4 of the provinces, being before him; when he shewed the
glorious riches of his kingdom and the honour of his
excellent majesty for many days, even a hundred and
5 eighty days. And at the end of those days the king
made a drinking feast of seven days unto all the people
that were present in Susa the royal city, both unto great
and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;
6 white linen, calico, and blue cloth, were fastened with
cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings, and pillars
of white marble; the couches were of gold and silver,
upon a pavement of porphyry, and white marble, and
7 mother of pearl, and tortoise-shell. And they gave them
drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from
another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the
8 state of a king. And the drinking was according to the
decree that no one should restrain. For so the king had
appointed to all the officers of his house, that every man
9 should do according to his own pleasure. Also Vashti
the queen made a drinking feast for the women in the
royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was
merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Har-
bona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven
chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the
11 king, to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the
crown royal, to shew the peoples and the princes her beauty;
12 for she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused
to come at the king's command, which was by the hand of
his chamberlains. Therefore was the king very wroth, and
13 his anger burned within him. And the king said to the wise
men, who understood the times, (for so was the king's man-
14 ner toward all that understood law and judgment; and the
next to him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish,
Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia
and Media, who saw the king's face, and who sat the first
15 in the kingdom;) 'What should be done to the queen
' Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed
' the command of the king Ahasuerus by the hand of the

‘chamberlains?’ And Memucan answered before the king¹⁶ and the princes, ‘Vashti the queen hath not done wrong ‘to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all ‘the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king ‘Ahasuerus. For the deed of the queen shall come abroad¹⁷ ‘to all the women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when they are told that the king ‘Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought ‘in before him, but she came not. Thus will the ladies¹⁸ ‘of Persia and Media who have heard of the deed of the ‘queen, say this day to all the king’s princes. Thus there ‘will be not a little contempt and wrath. If it please the¹⁹ ‘king, let there go a royal command from him, and let it ‘be written among the laws of the Persians and the ‘Medes, and let it not be transgressed, That Vashti come ‘no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give ‘her royal estate to one of her companions that is better ‘than she. And when the king’s decree which he shall²⁰ ‘make shall be heard throughout all his kingdom, (for it ‘is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands ‘honour, both to great and small.’

And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and²¹ the king did according to the word of Memucan. And he²² sent letters into all the king’s provinces, into every province according to its way of writing, and to every people according to their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people. —

After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus¹ was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. Then said the² king’s servants that ministered to him, ‘Let there be ‘fair young maidens sought for the king; and let the king³ ‘appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that ‘they may gather together all the fair young maidens into ‘Susa the royal city, to the house of the women, unto the ‘custody of Hege the king’s chamberlain, the keeper of ‘the women; and let their things for purification be given ‘them; and let the young woman who pleaseth the king⁴ ‘be queen instead of Vashti.’ And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

Now in Susa the royal city there was a certain Jew,⁵

- whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of
6 Shimei, the son of Kish, a Jaminite [or Benjamite]; who
had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity
which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah,
whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried
7 away. And he was nursing a Myrtle-branch, that is, Esther,
his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother,
and the young woman was beautiful of form and fair; whom
Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for
8 his own daughter. So it came to pass, when the king's
command and his decree was heard, and when many young
women were gathered together into Susa the royal city, to
the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also to
the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the
9 women. And the young woman pleased him, and she
obtained kindness from him; and he speedily gave her her
things for purification, with her portions of food, and seven
of the young women out of the king's house who were meet
to be given her; and he changed her and her young women
10 unto the best place of the house of the women. Esther
had not shewed her people nor her kindred; for Mordecai
11 had charged her that she should not shew it. And Mordecai
walked up and down every day before the court of the
women's house, to know the welfare of Esther, and what
should become of her.
- 12 Now when every young woman's turn was come to go in
to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months,
according to the manner of the women, (for thus were the
days of their purifications accomplished, six months with
oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with
13 the things for the purifying of the women;) then thus
came the young woman to the king; whatsoever she asked
for was given her to go with her out of the house of the
14 women unto the king's house. In the evening she went,
and on the morrow she returned into the second house of
the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's cham-
berlain, who kept the concubines. She came in unto the
king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that
she were called by name.
- 15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail
the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter,
was come to go in to the king, she required nothing

but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. So Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign [B.C. 479]. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the maidens; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great drinking feast for all his princes and his servants, even Esther's drinking feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of a king.

And when the maidens were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat at the king's gate. Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people, as Mordecai had charged her; for Esther did the command of Mordecai, like as when she was being brought up by him. In those days, while Mordecai sat at the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it to Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. And when the matter was sought, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree; and it was written in the Book of the Chronicles before the king.

After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Medatha the Agagite [or Amalekite], and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. And all the king's servants, that were at the king's gate, knelt down, and worshipped Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai knelt not, nor worshipped him. Then the king's servants, who were at the king's gate, said to Mordecai, 'Why transgressest thou the king's command?' Now it came to pass, when they spake daily to him, and he hearkened not to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor worshipped him, then was Haman full of wrath. But he scorned to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had

shewed him the people of Mordecai. Therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

⁷ In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus [B.C. 474], they cast Pur, that is the [divining] lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

⁸ And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, 'There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws; therefore it is not for the king's profit to

⁹ suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand Kikars [or hundred weights] of silver into the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into

¹⁰ the king's treasuries.' And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Medatha the

¹ Agagite, the oppressor of the Jews. And the king said to Haman, 'The silver is given to thee, the people also, to

² do with them as it seemeth good to thee.' Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's Satraps, and to the Pashas that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to its own way of writing, and to every people according to their own language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and

³ sealed with the king's ring. And the letters were sent by the hands of runners into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

⁴ The copy of the writing to be given for a law in every province was published to all peoples, that they should

⁵ be ready against that day. The runners went out, being hastened by the king's command, and the law was given in Susa, the royal city. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was disturbed.

When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai

rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry ; and came even before the king's gate ;² for none might enter into the king's gate when clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and beating the breast ; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved ; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him ; but he received it not. Then called Esther⁵ for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and she gave him a command to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai to the broad place of the city, which was before the king's gate. And Mordecai⁷ told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of silver that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he⁸ gave him a copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Susa to destroy them, to shew it to Esther, and to declare it to her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication to him, and to make request before him for her people. And Hatach⁹ came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

Again Esther spake to Hatach, and gave him command¹⁰ to Mordecai ; ' All the king's servants, and the people¹¹ ' of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, ' whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the ' inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put ' him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold ' out the golden sceptre, that he may live. And I have not ' been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.' And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. Then Mordecai¹² commanded to answer Esther, ' Think not with thyself that¹³ ' the king's house will escape more than all the Jews. For¹⁴ ' if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will ' there breathing and deliverance arise to the Jews from ' another place ; but thou and thy father's house will be ' destroyed. And who knoweth whether thou art not come ' to the state of queen for such a time as this ? Then Esther¹⁵

¹⁶ bade them to answer Mordecai, 'Go, gather together all
' the Jews that are present in Susa, and fast ye for me, and
' neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day ; I also
' and my young women will fast likewise ; and in such wise
' will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the
¹⁷ 'law. And if I perish, I perish.' So Mordecai went his
way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded
—him.

¹ Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put
on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the
king's house, in front of the king's house ; and the king sat
on his royal throne in the royal house, in front of the
² doorway of the house. And it was so, when the king saw
Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained
favour in his sight. And the king held out to Esther the
golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near,
³ and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king
to her, 'What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy
'request? It shall be even given to thee to the half of the
⁴ 'kingdom.' And Esther answered, 'If it seem good to
'the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the
⁵ 'drinking feast that I have prepared for him.' Then the
king said, 'Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do
'as Esther hath said.'

So the king and Haman came to the drinking feast that
⁶ Esther had prepared. And the king said to Esther
while drinking the wine, 'What is thy petition? and it
'shall be granted to thee. And what is thy request? even
⁷ 'to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.' Then
answered Esther, and said, 'My petition and my request
⁸ 'is ; if I have found favour in the sight of the king, and
'if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform
'my request, let the king and Haman come to the drink-
'ing feast that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-
'morrow as the king hath said.'

⁹ Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad
heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai at the king's gate,
that he rose not up, nor moved for him, Haman was full
¹⁰ of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman re-
frained himself ; and when he came home, he sent and
¹¹ called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. And Haman
recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the multi-

tude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had raised him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, ¹²
 ‘Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the
 ‘king to the drinking feast that she had prepared but
 ‘myself; and to-morrow also am I invited to her with the
 ‘king. Yet all this profiteth me nothing, so long as I see ¹³
 ‘Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate.’ Then said ¹⁴
 Zeresh his wife and all his friends to him, ‘Let a pole be
 ‘made of fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak thou
 ‘to the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon. Then
 ‘go thou in joyfully with the king to the drinking feast.’
 And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the pole
 to be made.

On that night the king could not sleep, and he com- ¹
 manded to bring the book of records of the Chronicles.
 And they were read before the king. And it was found ²
 written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh,
 two of the king’s chamberlains, the keepers of the door,
 who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the ³
 king said, ‘What honour and dignity hath been done to
 ‘Mordecai for this?’ Then said the king’s servants that
 ministered to him, ‘There hath been nothing done for
 ‘him.’ And the king said, ‘Who is in the court?’ Now ⁴
 Haman was come into the outer court of the king’s house,
 to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the pole that
 he had prepared for him. And the king’s servants said ⁵
 to him, ‘Behold, Haman standeth in the court.’ And
 the king said, ‘Let him come in.’ So Haman came in. ⁶
 And the king said to him, ‘What shall be done to the
 ‘man whom the king delighteth to honour?’ Now Haman
 said in his heart, ‘To whom would the king delight to do
 ‘honour more than to myself?’ And Haman answered the ⁷
 king, ‘For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,
 ‘let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to ⁸
 ‘wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the
 ‘crown royal which is set upon his head; and let this ⁹
 ‘apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the
 ‘king’s most noble princes, that they may array the man
 ‘whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him
 ‘on horseback into the broad place of the city, and pro-
 ‘claim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom

¹⁰ 'the king delighteth to honour.' Then the king said to Haman, 'Make haste and take the apparel and the horse, 'as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, 'that sitteth at the king's gate. Let nothing fail of all'
¹¹ 'that thou hast spoken.' Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback into the broad place of the city, and proclaimed before him, 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the'
¹² 'king delighteth to honour.' And Mordecai came again to the king's gate.

Then Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered. And Haman related to Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, 'If 'Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou 'hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him,
¹⁴ 'but shalt surely fall before him.' And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hastened to bring Haman to the drinking feast that Esther —had prepared.

¹ So the king and Haman came to drink with Esther the
² queen. And the king said again to Esther on the second day while drinking the wine, 'What is thy petition, queen 'Esther? and it shall be granted thee. And what is thy 'request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of
³ 'the kingdom.' Then Esther the queen answered and said, 'If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if 'it please the king, let my life be given me at my peti-
⁴ 'tion, and my people at my request; for we are sold, I 'and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. 'And if we had been sold for bondservants and handmaids, 'I had held my tongue, because the oppressor would not
⁵ 'profit by the king's loss.' Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said to Esther the queen, 'Who is he, and
⁶ 'where is he, whose heart hath puffed him up to do so?' And Esther said, 'The oppressor and enemy is this wicked Ha- 'man.' Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

⁷ Then the king arose in his wrath from drinking the wine, and went into the palace garden; and Haman stood up to make a request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace gar-

den into the house of the wine-drinking ; and Haman was fallen on the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king, 'Will he force the queen also before me in the 'house?' As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, 'Behold also, the pole 'fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, 'who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house 'of Haman.' Then the king said, 'Hang him thereon.' So they hanged Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath calmed. —

On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the oppressor of the Jews to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king ; for Esther had told what he was to her. And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and wept, and besought him to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, and she said, 'If it please the king, 'and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing 'seem to be right before the king, and I be pleasing in his 'eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by 'Haman the son of Medatha the Agagite, which he wrote 'to destroy the Jews that are in all the king's provinces. 'For how can I endure to look upon the evil that shall 'happen to my people? or how can I endure to look upon 'the destruction of my kindred?' Then the king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, 'Behold, I have given to Esther the house of Haman ; and 'him they have hanged upon the pole, because he laid his 'hand upon the Jews. Write ye also for the Jews, as it 'liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's 'ring.' For the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof ; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the Sat-

laps, and the Pashas and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, to every province according to its own way of writing, and to every people according to their own language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and
¹⁰ according to their language. And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by the hand of runners on horseback, who rode on swift horses and on mules the offspring of mares ;
¹¹ wherein the king granted the Jews that were in every city to assemble together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, any force of people or province that would assault them, their little ones or women,
¹² and to take the spoil of them for a prey, upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month
¹³ Adar. The copy of the writing to be given for a decree in every province was published to all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

¹⁴ So the runners that rode on swift horses and mules went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was given at Susa the royal
¹⁵ city. And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple ;
¹⁶ and the city of Susa shouted and was glad. The Jews had
¹⁷ light, and gladness, and joy, and honour. And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's command and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a drinking feast and a good day. And many of the people of the
—land became Jews ; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

¹ Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and his decree drew near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the
² Jews themselves had rule over them that hated them,) the Jews were assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt. And no man could withstand them ;
³ for the fear of them fell upon all the peoples. And all the

rulers of the provinces, and the Satraps, and the Pashas, and those who did the business of the king, helped the Jews ; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces ; for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they pleased unto those that hated them. And in Susa the royal city the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

And they slew Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,—the ten sons of Haman the son of Medatha, the oppressor of the Jews ; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

On that day the number of those that were slain in Susa the royal city was brought before the king. And the king said to Esther the queen, ' The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Susa the royal city, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces ? And what is thy petition ? and it shall be granted thee. And what is thy request further ? and it shall be done.' Then said Esther, ' If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Susa to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the pole.' And the king commanded it so to be done. And the decree was given at Susa ; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. For the Jews that were in Susa assembled together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Susa ; but on the prey they laid not their hand. And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces assembled together and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes five and seventy thousand, (but they laid not their hands on the prey,) on the thirteenth day of the month Adar. And on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. But the Jews that were at Susa assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof ; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and glad-

¹⁹ ness. Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the towns of the country, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

²⁰ And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king
²¹ Ahasuerus, both nigh and far, to establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month
²² Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, as the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day ; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to
²³ another, and gifts to the poor. And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to
²⁴ them ; because Haman the son of Medatha, the Agagite, the oppressor of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the [divining]
²⁵ lot, to crush them, and to destroy them ; but when [Esther] came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should
²⁶ be hanged on the pole. Therefore they called these days Purim after the name Pur. Therefore for all the words of this royal letter, and of that which they had seen concern-
²⁷ ing this matter, and which had come to them, the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed
²⁸ time every year ; and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city ; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

⁹ Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm
¹⁰ this second royal letter of Purim. And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and
¹¹ truth, to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen

had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry. And the command of Esther confirmed these matters of ³² Purim ; and it was written in a book. —

And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, ¹ and upon the isles of the sea. And all the acts of his ² power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? For Mordecai the Jew was next ³ unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

THERE WAS A MAN in the land of Uz, whose name was ¹ Job [or the Persecuted] ; and that man was honest and upright, and one that feared God, and turned aside from evil. And there were born unto him seven sons and three ² daughters. His substance also was seven thousand sheep ³ and goats, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and very many servants ; so that this man was great above all the sons of the East. And his sons went and made a drinking feast ⁴ in their houses, every one on his day ; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, as the days of the feasting went round, that ⁵ Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered up burnt offerings according to the number of them all ; for Job said, ‘It may be that my sons ‘have sinned, and blessed [or cursed] God in their hearts.’ Thus did Job continually.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to pre- ⁶ sent themselves before Jehovah, and Satan [or the Accuser] came also among them. And Jehovah said to Satan, ⁷ ‘Whence comest thou?’ Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from ‘walking up and down on it.’ And Jehovah said to Satan, ⁸ ‘Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none ‘like him on the earth, an honest and an upright man, one

⁹ ‘that feareth God, and turneth aside from evil?’ Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, ‘Doth Job fear God
¹⁰ ‘for nought? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and
‘about his house, and about all that he hath on every side?
‘Thou hast blessed the work of his hands; and his sub-
¹¹ ‘stance is increased in the land. But however put forth
‘thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will
¹² ‘bless [or curse] thee to thy face.’ And Jehovah said to
Satan, ‘Behold, all that he hath is in thy hand; only
‘put not forth thy hand upon himself.’ So Satan went
forth from the presence of Jehovah.

¹³ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters
were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s
¹⁴ house; and there came a messenger to Job, and said, ‘The
‘oxen were plowing, and the she asses feeding beside
¹⁵ ‘them; and the men of Sheba fell upon them and took
‘them away; yea, they have smitten the servants with
‘the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to
‘tell thee.’

¹⁶ While this one was yet speaking, there came also
another, and said, ‘The fire of God is fallen from heaven,
‘and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and
‘consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.’

¹⁷ While this one was yet speaking, there came also
another, and said, ‘The Chaldeans made out three bands,
‘and rushed upon the camels, and have carried them away,
‘yea, and smitten the servants with the edge of the sword;
‘and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.’

¹⁸ While this one was yet speaking, there came also
another, and said, ‘Thy sons and thy daughters were eat-
¹⁹ ‘ing and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house; and,
‘behold, there came a great wind from across the desert,
‘and it smote the four corners of the house, and it fell
‘upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am
‘escaped alone to tell thee.’

²⁰ Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head,
²¹ and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said,
‘Naked came I out of my mother’s womb,
‘And naked shall I return thither.
‘Jehovah gave and Jehovah hath taken away;
‘Blessed be the name of Jehovah.’

²² In all this Job sinned not, nor charged want of wisdom upon
—God.

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to¹
 present themselves before Jehovah, and Satan came also²
 among them to present himself before Jehovah. And Jeho-³
 vah said to Satan, 'From whence comest thou?' And
 Satan answered Jehovah, and said, 'From going to and fro⁴
 'on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' And⁵
 Jehovah said to Satan, 'Hast thou considered my servant
 'Job, that there is none like him on the earth, an honest
 'and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth
 'aside from evil? And still he holdeth fast his honesty,
 'although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him
 'without cause.' And Satan answered Jehovah, and said,⁶
 'Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for
 'his life. But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone⁷
 'and his flesh, and he will bless [or curse] thee to thy face.'
 And Jehovah said to Satan, 'Behold, he is in thy hand;⁸
 'only take care of his life.'

So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah, and⁹
 smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the
 crown of his head.

Then he took him a potsherd to scrape himself with;¹⁰
 and he sat down among the ashes. And his wife said to¹¹
 him, 'Dost thou still hold fast thine honesty? Bless [or
 'curse] God, and die.' But he said to her, 'Thou speakest¹²
 'as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we re-
 'ceive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?' In
 all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Now three of Job's friends heard of all this evil that was¹³
 come upon him, and they came every one from his own
 place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and
 Zophar the Naamathite; for they had agreed together to
 come to mourn with him and to comfort him. And when¹⁴
 they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they
 lifted up their voice and wept; and they rent every one
 his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward
 heaven. So they sat down with him upon the ground for¹⁵
 seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word to
 him; for they saw that his grief was very great.

After this opened JOB his mouth, and cursed his [birth]¹⁶
 day. And Job spake, and said,¹⁷

Let the day perish wherein I was born, [Jerem. xx. 14],¹⁸
 And the night which said, 'A man child is conceived.'

- ⁴ Let that day be darkness ;
Let not God regard it from above,
Neither let the light shine upon it.
- ⁵ Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it ;
Let a cloud dwell on it, let day-darkness terrify it.
- ⁶ As for that night, let a gloom seize upon it ;
Let it not be joined to the days of the year,
Let it not come into the number of the months.
- ⁷ Lo, let that night be barren,
Let no joyful voice come therein.
- ⁸ Let the day cursers declare it accursed,
Those who are ready to rouse the crocodile.
- ⁹ Let the stars of its morning twilight be darkened ;
Let it look for light, but have none ;
Neither let it see the eyelids of the dawn ;
- ¹⁰ Because it closed not the doors of the womb to me,
So as to hide sorrow from mine eyes.
- ¹¹ Why did I not die from the womb ?
And perish when I came out of the belly ?
- ¹² Wherefore were the knees ready for me ?
Or why the breasts when I would suck ?
- ¹³ For now should I have lain down and been quiet ;
I should have slept ; then had I been at rest,
- ¹⁴ With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Who build desert places for themselves ;
- ¹⁵ Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver ;
- ¹⁶ Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been ;
As babes that never saw the light.
- ¹⁷ There the wicked cease from troubling ;
And there the wearied in their strength are at rest.
- ¹⁸ There the prisoners are at ease together ;
They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.
- ¹⁹ The small and the great are both there ;
And the bond-servant is free from his master.
- ²⁰ Why is light given to him that is in misery,
And life to those that are bitter in soul ;
- ²¹ Who long for death, but it cometh not,
And dig for it more than for hidden treasures ;
- ²² Who would rejoice even unto delight,
And would be glad, if they could find the grave ?
- ²³ Why unto a man whose way is hidden,

And whom God hath hedged in from behind ?
 For my sighing cometh together with my food, 24
 And my groans are poured out like the waters.
 For I feared a fearful thing, and it came upon me, 25
 And that which I dreaded is come unto me.
 I was not in foolish security, neither was I idle, 26
 Neither was I enjoying rest ; yet trouble came. —

Then ELIPHAZ the Temanite ANSWERED and said, 1
 If we venture a thought with thee, wilt thou be weary ? 2
 But who can put restraint upon his words ?
 Behold thou hast instructed many, 3
 And thou *hast strengthened the weak hands* [Is. xxxv. 3].
 Thy words have upholden him that was stumbling, 4
 And thou *hast confirmed the feeble knees*.
 But now it is come upon thee, and thou art weary ; 5
 It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
 Is not thy pious fear a confidence to thee, 6
 A hope to thee, even the honesty of thy ways ?
 Remember, now, who ever perished when innocent ? 7
 Or where have the righteous been cut off ?
 But as I have seen, they that plow iniquity [Hos. x. 12, 13], 8
 And they that sow trouble, reap the same.
 By the blast of God they perish ; 9
 And by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.
 The roar of the lion, and the voice of the black lion, 10
 And the teeth of the young lions, are broken ;
 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, 11
 And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

Now a word was secretly brought to me, 12
 And mine ear received the whisper thereof.
 In troubled thoughts from the visions of the night, 13
 When deep sleep falleth on men,
 Fear came upon me, and trembling, 14
 Which made all my bones to shake.
 Then a Spirit glided before my face ; 15
 The hair of my flesh bristled up ;
 It stood, but I could not discern its form ; 16
 An image was before mine eyes,
 There was silence, and I heard a voice, [saying,]
 ' Shall mortal man be more just than God ? 17
 ' Shall a man be more pure than his Maker ?
 ' Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants [Is. xlii. 19] ; 18

- ‘ And his messengers [or angels] he chargeth with folly ;
19 ‘ How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
‘ Whose foundation is in the dust,
‘ Who are crushed together with the moth ?
20 ‘ They are destroyed between morning and evening ;
‘ They perish wholly without any one regarding it.
21 ‘ Is not the excellence that was in them taken away ?
— ‘ They die and are without wisdom.’
1 Call now ; is there any one that will answer thee ?
And to which of the Holy Ones [or angels] wilt thou turn ?
2 For vexation killeth the foolish man,
And envy slayeth the silly one.
3 I have myself seen the foolish man taking root ;
But suddenly I declared his habitation accursed.
4 His children are far from safety,
Or crushed at the city-gate, without a deliverer.
5 Their harvest the hungry man eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorn-hedge ;
And destruction swalloweth up their substance.
6 Though affliction cometh not forth from the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground ;
7 Yet man is born unto trouble,
As the sparks from the fire fly upward.
8 Truly I myself would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause.
9 He doeth great things and unsearchable ;
Marvellous things even without number.
10 He giveth rain upon the face of the earth,
And sendeth waters upon the face of the fields ;
11 To set up on high those that are low ;
That those that mourn may be raised up into safety.
12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands cannot perform their wise plans.
13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness ;
And the counsel of the cunning is thrown headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the daytime,
And they grope in the noonday as in the night.
15 But he saveth the desolate man from their mouth,
And the needy man from the hand of the mighty.
16 So that the poor man may have hope ;
And iniquity shutteth her mouth.
17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth ;

And *despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty* [Prov.iii.11];
 For he maketh sore, and he bindeth up ; 1
 He woundeth, and his hands make whole.
 He will deliver thee in six troubles ; 19
 Yea, in seven there will no evil touch thee.
 In famine he will redeem thee from death ; 20
 And in war from the power of the sword.
 Thou shalt be hidden from the scourge of the tongue ; 21
 And shalt not be afraid of violence when it cometh.
 At violence and famine thou shalt laugh ; 22
 And shalt not be afraid of the wild beasts of the earth.
 For thy league shall be with the stones of the field ; 23
 And the wild beasts of the field will be at peace with thee.
 And thou shalt know that thy tent will be in peace ; 24
 And shalt visit thy cattle-stall, and not miss any thing.
 Thou shalt know also that thy seed will be many, 25
 And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, 26
 Like as a shock of corn standeth up in its season.
 Lo this, we have searched it out, so it is ; 27
 Hear it, and know thou it for thyself. —

But JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, 2
 And my calamity laid in the balances against it !
 For now it is heavier than the sand of the sea ; 3
 Therefore my words were hasty.
 For the arrows of the Almighty are upon me, 4
 The poison whereof drinketh up my spirit ;
 The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass ? 5
 Or loweth the ox over his fodder ?
 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt ? 6
 Or is there any taste in the white of an egg ?
 My soul refuseth to touch them, 7
 They are as putridity in my food.
 O that I might have my request ; 8
 And that God would grant me what I long for !
 Even that it would please God to crush me ; 9
 That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off !
 Then should I yet have comfort ; 10
 Yea, I would rejoice in the pain which spareth not ;
 For I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

- 11 What is my strength, that I should hope?
And what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?
- 12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of copper?
- 13 Or rather am I not without help?
And safe counsel is driven quite from me.
- 14 As for him that withholdeth pity from his friend,
Even he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
- 15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook;
And they pass away as the stream of brooks,
- 16 Which are dirty by reason of the ice,
And wherein the snow hides itself,
- 17 In what time they wax warm they vanish;
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place;
- 18 Travelling companies turn aside from their way,
They go into the waste, and perish.
- 19 The travelling companies of Tema looked,
The marching companies of Sheba waited for them.
- 20 They were confounded, because they had hoped;
They came thither, and were disappointed.
- 21 For now ye are become thus,
Ye see distress, and are afraid.
- 22 Did I indeed say, 'Bring unto me?'
Or, 'Give a ransom for me out of your substance?'
- 23 Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand?'
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?'
- 24 Teach ye me, and I will hold my tongue;
And let me understand how I have sinned in ignorance.
- 25 How forcible are right words!
But what doth your arguing confute?
- 26 Do ye imagine to confute with words,
And the speeches of one that is desperate by a breath?
- 27 Yea, ye cast [a net] for the fatherless,
And ye dig [a pitfall] for your friend.
- 28 Now therefore may it please you to look upon me;
And it will be evident unto you if I lie.
- 29 Return answer, I pray you, let there be no injustice;
Yea, return answer again, let my righteousness be in it.
- 30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
-- Cannot my palate discern perverse things?
- 1 Is there not a warfare appointed to man upon earth?
And are not his days like the days of a hireling?

As a labourer panteth for the shade, 2
 And as a hireling looketh for his wages ;
 So am I made to inherit months of vanity, 3
 And wearisome nights are numbered to me.
 When I lie down, then I say, 4
 ' When shall I rise, and night be fled ?
 And I am full of tossings to and fro until the dawn.'
 My flesh is clothed with maggots and clods of dust ; 5
 My skin is broken, and become loathsome.
 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, 6
 And are spent without hope.
 ' Remember [O God] that my life is but wind ; 7
 ' Mine eye will not again see good.
 ' The eye of him that hath seen me will not regard me. 8
 ' Thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.
 ' As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away ; 9
 ' So he that goeth down to the grave will not come up.
 ' He will return no more to his house, 10
 ' Neither will his place know him any more.
 ' Therefore I will not refrain my mouth ; 11
 ' I will speak in the anguish of my spirit ;
 ' I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
 ' Am I a sea, or a dragon, that thou settest a watch on me? 12
 ' When I say, My bed shall comfort me, 13
 ' My couch shall ease my complainings ;
 ' Then thou scarest me with dreams, 14
 ' And terrifiest me by visions ;
 ' So that my soul chooseth strangling, 15
 ' And death rather than these my bones.
 ' I am become loathsome ; I would not live always ; 16
 ' Let me alone ; for my days are vanity.
 ' What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him ? 17
 ' And that thou shouldest set thy mind upon him ?
 ' And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, 18
 ' And try him every moment ?
 ' How long wilt thou not look away from me, 19
 ' Nor let me alone while I swallow down my spittle ?
 ' Had I sinned, what can I do against thee, 20
 ' O thou that watchest over mankind ?
 ' Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
 ' So that I am a burden to myself?
 ' And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, 21

- ‘ And take away mine iniquity ?
‘ For now I shall lie down in the dust
— ‘ And thou wilt seek me betimes, but I shall not be.’
1 Then BILDAD the Shuhite ANSWERED, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these things,
And the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind ?
3 Doth God pervert judgment ?
Or doth the Almighty pervert justice ?
4 If thy children sinned against him,
And he gave them up into the power of their trespass ;
5 Yet if thou wouldest seek unto God betimes,
And make thy supplication to the Almighty ;
6 If thou wert pure and upright ;
Surely now he would awake up for thee,
And make thy righteous habitation prosperous.
7 Though thy beginning was small,
Yet thy latter end would greatly increase.
8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age,
And rely on what was searched out by their fathers ;
9 (For we are of yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth are a shadow ;)
10 Will not they teach thee, and tell thee,
And utter words out of their heart ?
11 Can the paper-reed grow up without mire ?
Can the rush grow without water ?
12 Whilst it is yet in its freshness, it is not cut down,
But it withereth before any other herb.
13 So are the paths of all that forget God ;
And the hope of the ungodly man will perish ;
14 Whose confidence will be cut off,
And whose trust will be as a spider’s web.
15 He will lean upon his house, but it will not stand ;
He will hold fast to it, but it will not endure.
16 He is full of sap in face of the sun,
And his branch shooteth forth in his garden.
17 His roots wrap themselves about a heap of ruins,
And he hath a vision of a house of stones.
18 If [God] destroy him from his place,
Then it will deny him, [saying,] ‘ I have not seen thee.’
19 Behold, this is the joy of his way,
And out of the dust will others spring up.
20 Behold, God will not cast away an honest man,

Neither will he take the evil doers by the hand ;
 He will yet fill thy mouth with laughing, 21
 And thy lips with shouting for joy.
 They that hate thee will be clothed with shame ; 22
 And the tent of the wicked will come to nought. —

Then JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
 Of a truth I know that it is so ; 2
 But how can a man be justified with God ?
 If anyone wisheth to plead with him, 3
 He cannot answer him as to one charge of a thousand.
 [God is] wise in heart, and mighty in strength, 4
 Who shall be stubborn against him and be safe ?
 It is He that removeth mountains, and they know not ; 5
 Because He overturneth them in his anger ;
 That shaketh the earth out of her place, 6
 And the pillars thereof tremble ;
 That commandeth the sun, and it riseth not, 7
 And setteth a seal upon the stars.
 He alone spread out the heavens, 8
 And He treadeth upon the high waves of the sea.
 He made the Great Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, 9
 And the Chambers [of the Zodiac] in the south.
 He doeth great things past finding out ; 10
 Yea, and wonders that cannot be numbered.

Lo, he cometh against me and I see him not ; 11
 And he passeth on, but I perceive him not.
 Behold, he taketh away, who can make him restore ? 12
 Who shall say to him, ‘ What doest thou ?’
 If God will not withdraw his anger, 13
 The boastful helpers do stoop under him [Is. xxx. 7].
 How much less shall I answer him, 14
 Even should I choose out my words with him ;
 Whom, if I were righteous, I would not answer, 15
 But I would make supplication to my Judge.
 If I had called, and he had answered me, 16
 I could not believe he had hearkened to my voice.
 For he rusheth against me with a tempest, 17
 And multiplieth my wounds without cause.
 He will not suffer me to take my breath, 18
 But filleth me with bitterness.
 If [I would strive] by strength, lo, he is strong ; 19
 And if by pleading, who will appoint me a time ?

- ¹⁰ If I were righteous, should mine own mouth condemn me?
If I were honest, should it also prove me perverse?
- ¹¹ I am honest; do I not know my soul?
Shall I deny mine own life?
- ¹² It is a singular thing, therefore I said it,
He destroyeth both the honest and the wicked.
- ¹³ When the scourge slayeth suddenly,
He laugheth at the trials of the innocent.
- ¹⁴ The earth is given into the hand of the wicked;
He covereth the faces of its judges. If not so, who is it?
- ¹⁵ Now my days are swifter than a runner;
They flee away, they see no good.
- ¹⁶ They glide away as ships of reeds;
As the eagle darteth on its food.
- ¹⁷ If I say, 'I will forget my complaining,
'I will leave off my countenance, and be cheerful;'
- ¹⁸ I think with terror of all my troubles,
I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
- ¹⁹ I am held wicked, why then should I labour in vain?
- ²⁰ If I wash myself with snow water,
And make my hands clean with soap;
- ²¹ Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch,
And then my clothes will make me to be abhorred.
- ²² For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him,
And that we should come together in judgment.
- ²³ Neither is there any umpire betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.
- ²⁴ Let him take his rod away from me,
And let not the fear of him terrify me;
- ²⁵ Then will I speak, and not fear him,
—When it is not so with me.
- ¹ My soul is weary of my life;
I will let loose my complainings about myself;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
- ² I will say to God, 'Do not condemn me;
'Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
- ³ 'Is it good for thee to oppress,
'To despise the labour of thy hands,
'And to shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
- ⁴ 'Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?
- ⁵ 'Are thy days as the days of man?
'Are thy years as man's days,

‘ That thou inquirest after mine iniquity,

‘ And searchest after my sin ?

‘ It is within thy knowledge that I am not wicked ;

‘ But there is none that can deliver out of thy hand.

‘ Thy hands laboured at me and made me

‘ Together round about ; yet thou dost destroy me.

‘ Remember, I pray, that thou madest me as the clay ;

‘ And wilt thou bring me again into dust ?

‘ Didst thou not pour me out as milk, 1

‘ And make me solid like cheese ?

‘ Thou didst clothe me with skin and flesh, 1

‘ And didst fence me with bones and sinews.

‘ Thou didst grant to me life and favour, 1

‘ And thy watchfulness preserveth my spirit.

‘ And these things hast thou hid in thy heart ; 1

‘ I know that this is with thee.

‘ If I had sinned then thou hadst marked me, 1

‘ And thou wouldest not acquit me from mine iniquity.

‘ If I had been wicked, woe unto me ; 1

‘ But I am righteous, yet I cannot lift up my head.

‘ I am full of confusion ; when I look on mine affliction ;

‘ And as a roused lion thou huntest me. 1

‘ And again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.

‘ Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, 1

‘ And increasest thine indignation upon me ;

‘ Changes and warfare are against me.

‘ Why then didst thou bring me forth from the womb ? 1

‘ Oh that I had died, and no eye had seen me !

‘ I should be as though I had not been, 1!

‘ Had I been carried from the womb to the grave.

‘ Are not my days few ? cease then ; 20

‘ Let me alone that I may be cheerful a little,

‘ Before I go whence I shall not return, 21

‘ To the land of darkness and the shadow of death ;

‘ A land of gloom, as thickest darkness ; 22

‘ Of the shadow of death and without order,

‘ And where what shineth is as thickest darkness.’ —

Then ZOPHAR the Naamathite ANSWERED and said, 1

Shall a multitude of words not be answered ? 2

And shall a man be justified by his lips ?

Should thy lies make men hold their peace ? 3

And shalt thou mock, and none make thee ashamed ?

- ⁴ For thou sayest, 'My morals are pure,
'And I am clean in thine eyes.'
- ⁵ But oh that God would speak,
And open his lips against thee,
- ⁶ And shew thee the secrets of wisdom ;
For they are manifold in purpose !
Know then that God forgiveth thee some of thy sins.
- ⁷ Canst thou by searching find out God ?
Canst thou find out the perfection of the Almighty ?
- ⁸ It is as high as heaven ; what canst thou do ?
Deeper than hell ; what canst thou know ?
- ⁹ The measure thereof is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
- ¹⁰ If he assail, and shut up, and call to judgment,
Then who can hinder him ?
- ¹¹ For he knoweth the falsehood of men ;
He seeth iniquity also ; and will he not consider it ?
- ¹² For empty man may become wise,
When the wild ass's colt is born a man.
- ¹³ If thou wilt prepare thy heart,
And stretch out thy hands toward him ;
- ¹⁴ If thou put away the iniquity in thy hand,
And let not wickedness dwell in thy tents ;
- ⁵ Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot ;
Yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear ;
- ⁶ Because thou shalt forget thy misery,
Or remember it as waters that pass away ;
- ⁷ And thy lifetime shall rise clearer than the noonday ;
The gloom shall become as the morning.
- ⁸ And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope ;
Though put to shame thou shalt rest in safety.
- ⁹ Also thou shalt lie down and none shall frighten thee ;
Yea, many shall entreat thy countenance.
- ¹⁰ But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
And their means of escape shall perish,
—And their hope shall be as a puff of breath.
- ¹ And JOB ANSWERED and said,
- ² No doubt but ye are the people,
And wisdom will die with you.
- ³ But I have understanding as well as you ;
I am not inferior to you.
Yea, with whom are there not such things as these ?

I am as one laughed at by his neighbour, [who saith] 4
 ‘ He calleth upon God, and let him answer him.’
 The just upright man is laughed to scorn ;
 Contempt for the ruined is a feeling of those at ease ; 5
 It is ready for them that slip with the feet.
 The tents of robbers prosper, 6
 And they that provoke God are free from care ;
 And into their hand God bringeth abundantly.
 But ask now the beasts, and they will teach thee ; 7
 And the fowls of the air, and they will tell thee ;
 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach thee ; 8
 And the fishes of the sea will declare to thee.
 Who among all these knoweth not, 9
That the hand of Jehovah hath done this ? [Is. xli. 20.]
 In his hand is the soul of every thing living, 10
 And the breath of every man’s flesh.
 Doth not the ear try words ? 11
 And the palate taste its own food ?
 With the grey headed is wisdom ; 12
 And in length of days is understanding.
 With him is wisdom and strength, 13
 To him belong counsel and understanding.
 Lo, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again ; 14
 He shutteth up a man, and he cannot be set free.
 Lo, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up ; 15
 And he sendeth them out, and they overturn the land.
 With him is strength and safe counsel ; 16
 The misled and the misleader are his.
 He leadeth counsellors away plundered, 17
 And maketh the judges foolish.
 He looseth the bond of kings, 18
 And girdeth their loins with a girdle.
 He leadeth priests away plundered, 19
 And overthroweth the mighty.
 He closeth the lips of the confident, 20
 And taketh away understanding from the aged.
 He poureth contempt upon tyrants, 21
 And looseneth the belt of the strong ;
 He uncovereth deep things out of darkness, 22
 And bringeth forth to light the shadow of death.
 He increaseth nations, and he destroyeth them ; 23
 He scattereth nations, and leadeth them back ;

- ²⁴ He taketh away the heart of the chiefs in the land,
And causeth them to wander in a pathless waste.
- ²⁵ They grope in the dark without light,
—And he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.
- ¹ Lo, mine eye hath seen all this,
Mine ear hath heard and understood it.
- ² What ye know, I also know.
I am not inferior unto you.
- ³ I would indeed speak to the Almighty,
And I should desire to reason with God ;
- ⁴ But ye on the contrary are forgers of lies,
Ye are all physicians of no value.
- ⁵ O that ye would altogether hold your peace !
For that would be wisdom in you.
- ⁶ Hear now my reasoning.
And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
- ⁷ Will ye speak wickedly on behalf of God ?
And talk deceitfully on behalf of him ?
- ⁸ Will ye regard his person, or plead on behalf of God ?
- ⁹ Will it be good when he shall cross-examine you ?
Or as a man is mocked, do ye so mock him ?
- ¹⁰ He will surely reprove you if ye secretly regard persons.
- ¹¹ Will not his excellence make you afraid ?
And the dread of him fall upon you ?
- ¹² Your memorable examples are parables of ashes,
Your defensive [arguments] are defences of clay.
- ³ Hold your peace toward me, that I may speak,
And let come on me whatever will ;
- ⁴ Against whatever it is, I will take my flesh in my teeth,
And I will put my life in my hand.
- ⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him ;
Yea I will maintain my ways before him.
- ³ He also will be my salvation ;
For an ungodly man shall not come into his presence.
- ⁷ Hearken ye diligently unto MY SPEECH [to God].
And to my Declaration with your ears.
- ³ ‘ Behold now, I have ordered my cause ;
‘ I know that I shall be acquitted.
- ² ‘ Who is he that will plead against me ?
‘ For now, if I hold my tongue, I shall die.
- ⁰ ‘ Only do not thou [O God] two things unto me ;
‘ Then will I not hide myself from thy face.

- ' Withdraw thy hand far from me ; 21
 ' And let not the dread of thee make me afraid.
 ' Then call thou, and I will answer ; 22
 ' Or let me speak, and do thou reply to me.
 ' How many are mine iniquities and sins ? 23
 ' Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
 ' Wherefore hidest thou thy face, 24
 ' And considerest me as thine enemy ?
 ' Wilt thou frighten a leaf driven to and fro ? 25
 ' And wilt thou pursue the dry chaff ?
 ' For thou writest bitter charges against me, 26
 ' And makest me to inherit the sins of my youth.
 ' Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, 27
 ' And lookest narrowly unto all my paths ;
 ' Thou settest a print upon the soles of my feet ;
 ' And this [body] as a rotten thing, wasteth away, 28
 ' As a garment that a moth eateth. —
 ' Man that is born of woman 1
 ' Is of few days, and full of trouble.
 ' He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down ; 2
 ' He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
 ' And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one, 3
 ' And bringest thou me into judgment with thee ?
 ' Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean ? No one. 4
 ' Since his days are determined, 5
 ' The numbering of his months is with thee,
 ' Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass ;
 ' Look away from him, that he may have rest, 6
 ' Till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day,
 ' For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, 7
 ' That it may sprout again, and its branch may not cease.
 ' Though its root wax old in the earth, 8
 ' And its trunk die in the ground ;
 ' Yet through the scent of water it will bud, 9
 ' And bring forth sprouts like a plant.
 ' But a strong man dieth, and is laid low ; 10
 ' Yea, man breatheth his last, and where is he ?
 ' As the waters flow out of a lake, 11
 ' And a river decayeth and drieth up ;
 ' So a man lieth down, and riseth not. 12
 ' Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake,
 ' Nor be roused out of their sleep.

- 13 ' O that thou wouldest hide me in hell,
' Wouldest keep me in secret until thy wrath be past,
' Wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me !
- 14 ' If a man die, shall he live again ?
' All the days of my warfare will I wait,
' Till the relieving-guard come for me.
- 15 ' Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee ;
' Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thy hands.
- 16 ' Though now thou numberest my steps ;
' Thou dost not keep watch against my sinning.
- 17 ' My transgression is sealed up in a packet,
' And thou fastenest up mine iniquity.
- 18 ' And surely the mountain falling weareth away,
' And the rock is removed out of its place.
- 19 ' The waters wear the stones ;
' Their floods wash away the earth's dust ;
' And thou destroyest the hope of a man.
- 20 ' Thou overpowerest him for ever, and he passeth ;
' Thou changest his face, and sendest him away.
- 21 ' His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not ;
' Or they are humbled, and he perceiveth it not of them.
- 22 ' Only his flesh upon him is pained,
— ' And his soul within him mourneth.'
- 1 AGAIN ELIPHAZ the Temanite ANSWERED and said,
2 Doth a wise man utter windy knowledge,
And fill his belly with the east wind ?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk ?
Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good ?
4 Yea, thou castest off reverence,
And restrainest prayer in the presence of God.
5 For thy mouth teacheth thine iniquity,
And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I ;
Yea, thine own lips bear witness against thee.
7 Wast thou born earlier than Adam ?
Or wast thou brought forth before the hills ?
8 Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God ?
And wouldest thou keep back wisdom to thyself ?
9 What knowest thou, that we know not ?
What understandest thou, which is not in us ?
10 Among us are both grey headed and aged men,
Much older in days than thy father.

Are the consolations of God small with thee ? 11
 Or the words spoken tenderly towards thee ?
 Whither doth thy heart carry thee away ? 12
 And what do thine eyes look fierce at,
 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, 13
 And lettest such words go out of thy mouth ?
 What is man, that he should be pure ? 14
 And one born of woman, that he should be righteous ?
 Behold, he trusteth not in his Holy Ones [or angels] ; 15
 Yea, the heavens are not pure in his sight.
 How much more abominable and corrupt is a man, 16
 Who drinketh iniquity like water !
 I will shew thee, hear me ; 17
 And what I have seen I will declare ;
 What wise men have told and not withheld, 18
 [As they received it] from their fathers ;
 Unto whom for themselves alone the land was given, 19
 And no stranger passed among them.
 The wicked man is in pain all his days, 20
 And from the oppressor the number of his years is hidden.
 A sound of terrors is in his ears ; 21
 In prosperity the destroyer cometh upon him.
 He is not sure that he shall come safe out of the dark, 22
 And men wait for him with the sword.
 He wandereth abroad for food everywhere ; 23
 He knoweth that a day of darkness is ready at hand.
 Trouble and anguish make him afraid ; 24
 They overpower him, as a king ready to besiege.
 For he hath stretched out his hand against God, 25
 And he strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.
 He runneth upon him with his neck, 26
 With the thick bosses of his shields ;
 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, 27
 And maketh folds of fat on his flanks.
 And he shall dwell in desolated cities, 28
 In houses which no man inhabiteth,
 Which are ready to become heaps of ruins.
 He shall not be rich, neither will his wealth continue, 29
 Neither will their perfection reach over the earth.
 He shall not depart out of darkness ; 30
 The lightning will dry up his branches,
 And by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

- ³¹ Let him not trust in vanity ; he will be deceived ;
For vanity will be his recompense.
- ³² It will be accomplished before its time,
And his branch will not be green.
- ³³ He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine,
And shall cast off his flower as the olive.
- ³⁴ For the congregation of the ungodly will be desolate,
And fire will consume the tents of bribery.
- ³⁵ They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity,
—And their womb prepareth deceit.
- ¹ Then JOB ANSWERED and said,
- ² I have heard many such things ;
Miserable comforters are ye all.
- ³ Will the vain words ever have an end ?
Or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest ?
- ⁴ I also could speak as ye do,
If your soul were in my soul's stead.
I could fasten upon you with words,
And wag at you with my head.
- ⁵ But I would strengthen you with my mouth,
And the moving of my lips should assuage :
- ⁶ Yet if I speak, my grief is not assuaged ;
And if I forbear, what am I eased ?
- ⁷ But now he hath made me weary ;
Thou hast made desolate all my company.
- ⁸ And thou hast bound me ; this is a witness ;
And my leanness rising up in me accuseth me to my face.¹
- ⁹ His anger teareth me and pursueth me with hatred ;
He gnasheth against me with his teeth ;
Mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes against me.
- ¹⁰ They gape at me with open mouth ;
They smite me on the cheek reproachfully ;
They gather themselves together against me.
- ¹¹ God hath delivered me up to the ungodly,
And turned me over into the hands of the wicked.
- ¹² I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder ;
He also took me by my neck, and shook me to pieces.
And he hath set me up for his mark ;
- ¹³ His archers encompass me round about ;
He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare ;
He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
- ¹⁴ He breaketh me with breach upon breach,

He runneth upon me like a warrior. 15
 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
 And have defiled my horn in the dust.
 My face is foul with weeping, 16
 And on my eyelids is the shadow of death ;
 Not for any cruelty in my hands ; and my prayer is pure. 17
 O earth, cover not thou my bloodshed ; 18
 And let the cry against me have no rest.
 And now, behold, my witness is in the heavens, 19
 And my record is on high.
 My neighbours scorn me ; 20
 But mine eye poureth out tears unto God.
 O that one might plead for a man with God, 21
 As a son of Adam pleadeth for his neighbour !
 When a few years shall pass away, 22
 Then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. —
 My spirit is broken, my days are ended, 1
 The grave is ready for me. 2
 Are there not mockers with me ?
 And mine eye resteth on their provocation.
 Engage now, give me thy pledge ; 3
 Who will strike hands with me [in a bargain] ?
 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding ; 4
 Therefore wilt thou not exalt them.
 He that exposeth his friends to plunder, 5
 Even the eyes of his children will fail.
 He hath made me also a byword of the peoples ; 6
 And I am before them as one to spit on.
 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, 7
 And all my limbs are as a shadow.
 Upright men will be astonished at this, 8
 And the innocent will stir up himself against the ungodly.
 The righteous man also will hold on his way, 9
 And he that hath clean hands will gain strength.
 But as for you all, do ye return ; but come, I pray, 10
 And I shall not find one wise man among you.
 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, 11
 Even those which possessed my heart.
 They bring night upon the day ; 12
 The light is little distant from darkness.
 If I wait, the grave will be my house ; 13
 I have spread out my bed in the darkness.

- ¹⁴ I have called out to corruption, 'Thou art my father ;'
To the maggot, 'Thou art my mother, and my sister.'
- ¹⁵ And where are now my hopes ?
And as for my hopes who shall see then ?
- ¹⁶ They will go down to the bars of the grave,
—When we shall rest together in the dust.
- ¹ AGAIN BILDAD the Shuhite ANSWERED and said,
² How long will it be ere ye make an end of words ?
Understand, and afterwards we will speak.
- ³ Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
And reputed vile in your sight ?
- ⁴ (He teareth his soul in his anger.)
Will the earth be forsaken for thy sake ?
Or will the rock be removed out of its place ?
- ⁵ Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out,
And the flame of his fire shall not shine.
- ⁶ The light will be dark in his tent, [Prov. xiii. 9.]
And his lamp that is above him shall be put out.
- ⁷ The steps of his strength will be hindered,
And his own counsel will cast him down.
- ⁸ For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
And he walketh to and fro upon a snare.
- ⁹ The gin will take him by the heel,
And the noose will prevail against him.
- ¹⁰ The cord is hidden for him in the ground,
And a trap for him in the foot-path.
- ¹¹ Death-terrors will make him afraid on every side,
And will drive at him at his feet.
- ¹² His strength will be hunger-bitten,
And Destruction will be ready at his side.
- ¹³ It will devour the limbs of his skin ;
Death's firstborn [or disease] will devour his limbs.
- ¹⁴ His confidence will be rooted up out of his tent,
And it will bring him to the King of Terrors ;
- ¹⁵ It will dwell in his tent, because it is no longer his.
Brimstone will be scattered upon his habitation.
- ¹⁶ His roots will be dried up beneath,
And above will his branch be cut off.
- ¹⁷ The memory of him will perish from the earth,
And he will have no name in the street.
- ¹⁸ He will be driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.

He will neither have son nor son's son among his people, 19
Nor any remaining to him in his wanderings.

They that come after him will be astonished at his day, 20
As they that went before were seized with fear.

Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked. 21

And this is the place of him that knoweth not God. —

Then JOB ANSWERED and said, 1

How long will ye vex my soul, 2

And break me in pieces with words ?

These ten times have ye reproached me ; 3

Ye are not ashamed to harden yourselves against me.

And be it indeed that I have sinned in ignorance, 4

My sin of ignorance remaineth with myself.

If indeed ye magnify yourselves against me, 5

And plead against me my disgrace ;

Know now that God hath bowed me down, 6

And hath encompassed me with his net.

Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not answered ; 7

I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, 8

And he setteth darkness in my foot-paths.

He hath stripped me of my glory, 9

And taken the crown from my head.

He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone ; 10

And my hope hath he rooted up like a tree.

He hath also kindled his anger against me, 11

And he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies.

His troops come together and bank up their way against 12
me,

And encamp round about my tent.

He hath put my brethren far from me, 13

And my acquaintance are verily estranged from me,

My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends. 14

They that sojourn in my house have forgotten me. 15

And my maid-servants count me for a stranger ;

I am a foreigner in their sight.

I called to my servant, and he gave no answer, 16

Although I entreated him with my mouth.

My breath is strange to my wife, 17

And my caresses to the children of mine own body.

Yea, young children despise me ; 18

I arise, and they speak against me.

- 19 All my bosom friends abhor me ;
And they whom I love are turned against me.
- 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,
And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
- 21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O ye my friends ;
For the hand of God hath touched me.
- 22 Why do ye persecute me as God doth,
And not be satisfied with my flesh ?
- 23 Oh that my words were now written !
Oh that they were imprinted on [mount] Sephar ;
- 24 That with an iron pen and with a leaden hammer
They were chiselled into the rock for ever !
- 25 For I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that at last he will rise up over the dust ;
- 26 And after my skin hath been thus stripped off,
Then out of my flesh shall I see God ;
- 27 Whom I shall see for myself,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger,
When my reins are consumed within my breast.
- 28 Truly ye will say, ‘ However, we will persecute him ;
‘ And we will find the root of the matter in him.’
- 29 Be ye afraid of the sword for yourselves ;
For wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword,
—So that ye may know there is One that judgeth.
- 1 AGAIN ZOPHAR the Naamathite ANSWERED and said,
- 2 For this do my troubled thoughts cause me to answer,
And because of the eagerness within me.
- 3 I hear the chastisement of my reproach,
And the spirit of my understanding maketh me answer.
- 4 Knowest thou not this ; that of old,
Since Adam was placed upon the earth,
- 5 The triumphing of the wicked hath been short,
And the joy of the ungodly man but during a moment ?
- 6 Though his greatness mount up to the skies,
And his head reach unto the clouds ;
- 7 Yet he will perish for ever like his own dung ;
They that have seen him will say, ‘ Where is he ?’
- 8 He will fly away as a dream, and will not be found ;
Yea, he will be chased away as a vision of the night.
- 9 The eye also which saw him will see him no more ;
Neither will his place any more behold him.
- 10 His children shall seek to please the poor,

And his hands shall restore his injustice. 11
 His bones are full of his youthful doings,
 Which will lie down with him in the dust.
 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, 12
 Though he hide it under his tongue;
 Though he use it sparingly, but forsake it not, 13
 But keep it still against his palate;
 Yet his food in the bowels will be turned, 14
 It will be as the gall of asps within him.
 He hath swallowed riches, and he shall vomit them up; 15
 God will cast them out of his belly.
 He shall suck the poison of asps; 16
 The viper's tongue will slay him.
 He shall not see the water-courses, 17
 The floods, the brooks of honey and cream.
 What he laboured for he shall restore, and not swallow; 18
 As is his wealth shall be his giving back;
 And he shall not enjoy it.
 Because he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor; 19
 Because he seized upon a house which he builded not.
 Because he felt not quietness in his belly, 20
 He shall not escape with what he desired.
 Nothing is left for him to devour; 21
 Therefore his good fortune shall not endure.
 In the fulness of his abundance he will be distressed; 22
 Every hand of trouble will come upon him.
 When he is about to fill his belly, 23
 [God] will cast out the fury of his wrath upon him,
 And will rain it upon him while he is eating.
 He shall flee from the iron weapon; 24
 The bow of copper will strike him through.
 He draweth it, and it cometh out of his body; 25
 Yea, the glittering metal out of his gall;
 He goeth forth, terrors are upon him.
 Complete darkness shall conceal his hidden treasures; 26
 A fire not blown will consume him;
 It will go ill with what is left in his tent.
 The heavens will reveal his iniquity; 27
 And the earth will rise up against him.
 The increase of his house will be carried away, 28
 Hurried away in the day of his wrath.
 This is the wicked man's portion from God, 29

—And the heritage appointed to him by God.

- ¹ But JOB ANSWERED and said,
- ² Hearken diligently to my speech,
And let your consolation be in this wise.
- ³ Suffer me that I also may speak ;
And after that I have spoken, mock on.
- ⁴ As for me, is my complaining unto man ?
And if it were so, why should not my spirit be hasty ?
- ⁵ Mark me, and should ye be astonished,
Yet lay your hand upon your mouth.
- ⁶ Even while I remember I am afraid,
And trembling taketh hold on my flesh.
- ⁷ Wherefore do the wicked live,
Become old, yea, are mighty in power ?
- ⁸ Their seed is established in their sight with them,
And their offspring before their eyes.
- ⁹ Their houses are safe from fear,
Neither is the rod of God upon them.
- ¹⁰ Their bull gendereth, and faileth not ;
Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
- ¹¹ They send forth their little ones like a flock,
And their children skip about.
- ¹² They raise [their voice] to the timbrel and harp,
And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
- ¹³ They waste their days in prosperity,
Yet in a moment they will go down to Hell.
- ¹⁴ And they say unto God, ‘Depart from us ;
‘For we delight not in the knowledge of thy ways.
- ¹⁵ ‘What is the Almighty, that we should serve him ?
‘And what profit should we have if we pray to him ?
- ¹⁶ Lo, their good is not in their own hand.
May the counsel of the wicked be far from me !
- ¹⁷ How surely *is the lamp of the wicked put out !* [Prov. xxiv. 20.]
And their destruction cometh upon them !
He distributeth sorrows in His anger.
- ¹⁸ They are as stubble before the wind,
And as chaff that the storm carrieth away.
- ¹⁹ God layeth up for each child according to his iniquity ;
He will repay him ; and he will know it.
- ²⁰ His own eyes will see his destruction,
And he will drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
- ²¹ For what pleasure hath he in his house after him,

When the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

Shall any one teach God knowledge? 22

Seeing he judgeth those that are high.

One man dieth in his full strength, 23

Being wholly at ease and feeling safe.

His sides are full of fat, 24

And his bones are moistened with marrow.

And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, 25

And never eateth with pleasure.

They lie down together in the dust, 26

And the maggots will cover them both.

Behold, I know your thoughts, 27

And the reasoning with which ye wrong me.

For ye say, 'Where is the house of the tyrant? 28

'And where the tent of the dwellings of the wicked?'

Have ye not asked them that pass by the way? 29

And do ye not discern their tokens,

That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? 30

They will be led forth to the day of wrath.

Who will declare his way to his face? 31

And who will pay him back what he hath done?

And he will be carried to the burial-place, 32

And watch will be kept over his tomb.

The clods of the valley will be sweet unto him, 33

And he will draw every man after him,

As there were innumerable before him.

How then do ye comfort me in vain, 34

Seeing that falsehood remaineth in your answers? —

Then ELIPHAZ the Temanite ANSWERED and said, 1

Can a man be profitable unto God, 2

As he that is wise may be profitable to himself?

Is it a pleasure to the Almighty that thou justifiest thyself? 3

Or a gain to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?

Will he argue with thee in fear of thee? 4

Will he enter with thee into judgment?

Is not thy wickedness great? 5

And thine iniquities without end?

Surely thou hast taken a pledge of thy brother for 6

nought,

And stripped the naked of their clothing.

Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink; 7

And thou hast withheld bread from the hungry.

- ⁸ But as for the mighty man, he had the land ;
And the man whose person was accepted dwelt in it.
- ⁹ Thou hast sent widows away empty,
And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
- ¹⁰ Therefore snares are round about thee,
And sudden fear maketh thee to tremble ;
- ¹¹ Or darkness, that thou canst not see ;
And floods of water cover thee.
- ¹² Is not God in the height of the heavens,
And seeing the highest of the stars, how high they are ?
- ¹³ And thou sayest, ' How doth God know ?
' Can he judge through the dark cloud ?
- ¹⁴ ' Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not ;
' And he walketh to and fro on the arch of the heavens.'
- ¹⁵ Thou keepest the old way which the wicked men trod,
¹⁶ Who were seized before their time,
Whose foundation was washed away by a flood ;
- ¹⁷ Who said to God, ' Depart from us ;'
And, ' What can the Almighty do for them ?'
- ¹⁸ Yet he had filled their houses with good things.
But may the counsel of the wicked be far from me.
- ¹⁹ The righteous see it, and are glad ;
And the innocent laugh them to scorn [saying],
- ²⁰ ' Surely those who rise up against us are cut down,
' And the remnant of them the fire will consume.'
- ²¹ Make him now thy friend, and be at peace ;
Thereby thine increase will prosper.
- ²² Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth,
And lay up his words in thy heart.
- ²³ If thou return to the Almighty, thou wilt be built up,
Thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tents.
- ²⁴ Then shalt thou throw gold-ore to the dust,
And the gold of Ophir among the pebbles of the brooks.
- ²⁵ Yea, the Almighty will be thy gold-ore,
And abundance of silver will he be unto thee.
- ²⁶ For then thou wilt delight in the Almighty,
And wilt lift up thy face unto God.
- ²⁷ Thou wilt pray to him, and he will hear thee,
And thou shalt perform thy vows.
- ²⁸ Thou shalt also decide upon a thing,
And it will be established unto thee ;
And the light will shine upon thy ways.

When men are lowly, thou shalt say, 'Courage ;' 29
 And He will save the man of downcast eyes.
 He will deliver him who is not wholly innocent ; 30
 And he will be delivered by the pureness of thy hands. —

Then JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
 Even to-day is my complaining bitter ; 2
 The hand on me is heavier than my groaning.
 Oh that I knew where I might find him ! 3
 That I might come even to his judgment seat !
 I would order my cause in his presence, 4
 And fill my mouth with arguments.
 I would know the words which he would answer me, 5
 And I would understand what he would say to me.
 Will he plead against me with his great power ? 6
 No ; but he would give heed to me.
 There the righteous might dispute with him ; 7
 So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

Behold, I go to the east, but he is not there ; 8
 And to the west, but I cannot perceive him ;
 To the north, where he worketh, but I behold him not ; 9
 He covereth up the south, that I see him not.
 But he knoweth the way that I take ; 10
 When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
 My foot hath held in his paths ; 11
 His way have I kept, and not turned aside ;
 And the commands of his lips I have not put away ; 12
 In my bosom I have laid up the words of his mouth ;
 But he is One alone, and who can turn him ? 13
 And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.
 For he will perfect what is appointed for me ; 14
 And many such things are with him.
 Therefore am I troubled at his presence ; 15
 When I consider, I am afraid of him.
 For God hath made my heart weak, 16
 And the Almighty hath troubled me ;
 Because I was not cut off before this gloom, 17
 And before he covered me with darkness. —

However, times are not hidden from the Almighty, 1
 Though they that know him do not see his days.
 Some remove the landmarks ; 2
 They seize upon the flock, and those that feed it.
 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, 3

- They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
4 They turn the needy out of the way ;
The poor of the land hide themselves together.
5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert,
They go forth on their work, rising betimes for a prey ;
The Barren Valley yieldeth them food for their children.
6 They reap in a field that is not theirs,
And they will gather the vintage in wickedness.
7 Naked will they lodge without clothing,
And they will have no covering in the cold.
8 They will be wet with the showers of the mountains,
And they will embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
9 Some pluck the fatherless from the breast,
And take a pledge of the poor.
10 These men shall go naked without clothing,
And they shall carry in the sheaf, but be hungry ;
11 They shall make oil within their walls,
They shall tread their winepresses, and yet suffer thirst.
12 When dying, they shall groan from out of the city ;
And when they are wounded their soul shall cry out ;
Yet God will not attend to their prayer.
13 Some are of those that rebel against the light ;
They know not its ways, nor abide in its paths.
14 The murderer riseth with the light ;
He killeth the poor and the needy,
And in the night he is as a thief.
15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,
Saying, ' No eye will notice me ;'
And he putteth a disguise on his face.
16 Some dig in the dark through houses ;
They conceal themselves by day ; they know not the light.
17 For the morning is to them as the shadow of death ;
Since to be known is the terrors of the shadow of death.
18 It [death] is swift on the face of the waters ;
Their portion is cursed on the earth ;
It turneth not by the pathway of the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters ;
So doth Hell those that have sinned.
20 The womb will forget him ; the maggot will feast on him ;
He is not remembered ; and wickedness is broken as a staff.
21 One ill-treateth the childless woman that beareth not ;
And doeth not good to the widow.

He draweth even the mighty with his power ; 22
 He riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
 It is granted to him to feel safe, and he resteth on it ; 23
 Yet his eyes are upon their ways.
 They are exalted for a little while, and are no more ; 24
 And they are brought low, they pass away like all others,
 And they are cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
 And if it be not so now, who will prove me false, 25
 And make my speech nothing worth ? —

Then BILDAD the Shuhite ANSWERED and said, 1
 Dominion and terror are with him, 2
 He maketh retribution on his High Ones [Is. xxiv. 21].
 Is there any number to his armies ? 3
 And upon whom doth not his light arise ?
 How then can man be justified with God ? 4
 Or how can he be pure that is born of woman ?
 Behold even to the moon, and it is not bright ; 5
 Yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.
 How much less man, who is a maggot ! 6
 And the son of Adam, who is an earth-worm ! —

But JOB ANSWERED and said, 1
 When hast thou helped him that is without power ? 2
 Or given victory to the arm that hath no strength ?
 When hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom ? 3
 And when hast thou fully declared safe counsel ?
 For whom hast thou uttered words ? 4
 And whose spirit cometh forth from thee ?

Spiritual beings are born beneath the waters, 5
 And are the inhabitants thereof.
 Hell is naked before him, 6
 And the Pit of destruction hath no covering.
 He stretcheth out the north over empty space, 7
 And hangeth the earth upon nothing.
 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds ; 8
 And the cloud is not rent open under them.
 He keepeth back the face of his throne, 9
 And spreadeth his cloud over it.
 He drew the circle on the face of the waters, 10
 At the boundary between light and darkness.
 The pillars of heaven tremble, 11
 And are astonished at his reproof.
 He stilleth the sea with his power [Ps. lxxxix. 9, 10], 12

And by his understanding he smote the Boaster.

¹³ By his spirit he garnished the heavens ;

His hand pierced the cowardly serpent [Is. xxvii. 1].

¹⁴ Lo, these are the outskirts of his ways ;

And what a whisper is the word that is heard of him !

—But the thunder of his power who can understand ?

¹ And JOB AGAIN took up his parable, and said,

² As God liveth who hath turned aside my judgment ,
And the Almighty, who hath made my soul bitter ;

³ All the while my breath is in me,
And the spirit of God is in my nostrils ;

⁴ My lips shall not speak wickedness,
Nor my tongue utter deceit.

⁵ Far be it from me that I should justify you ;
Till I die I will not remove mine honesty from me.

⁶ My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go ;
My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

⁷ Let mine enemy be as the wicked,
And he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

⁸ For what is the hope of the ungodly, though he get gain,
When God taketh away his soul ?

⁹ Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh on him ?

¹⁰ Doth he delight himself in the Almighty ?

Doth he always call upon God ?

¹¹ I will teach you what is in the hand of God ;
That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

¹² Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it ;
Why then do ye babble vanity in this wise ? [saying],

¹³ ‘ This is the portion of wicked men with God,
‘ And oppressors receive it as a heritage from the Almighty.

¹⁴ ‘ If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword ;
‘ And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

¹⁵ ‘ Those that remain of him will be buried in death ;
‘ And his widows shall not weep.

¹⁶ ‘ Though he heap up silver as the dust,
‘ And prepare raiment as the clay ;

⁷ ‘ He may prepare, but the righteous will wear it,
‘ And the innocent will divide the silver.

⁸ ‘ He buildeth his house as a moth,
‘ And as a booth that the watchman maketh.

⁹ ‘ He may lie down a rich man, and nothing be taken away ;
‘ He openeth his eyes, and nothing remaineth to him.

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| ‘ Death-terrors take hold of him as waters, | 20 |
| ‘ A tempest stealeth him away in the night. | |
| ‘ The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth ; | 21 |
| ‘ And as a storm it hurleth him out of his place. | |
| ‘ For it casteth itself upon him, and doth not spare ; | 22 |
| ‘ He would fain flee out of its hand. | |
| ‘ It will clap its hands at him. | 23 |
| ‘ And will hiss him out of his place.’ | — |
| Surely there is a MINE for silver, | 1 |
| And a place for gold where they refine it. | |
| Iron is taken out of the earth, | 2 |
| And the stone is smelted for copper. | |
| [The miner] putteth an end to darkness, | 3 |
| And searcheth into every corner, | |
| For stones of darkness and of the shadow of death. | |
| He breaketh a mining-shaft through the limestone. | 4 |
| Not helped by the feet, they hang down [by a cord], | |
| They sway to and fro far away from men. | |
| The earth, out of which cometh food, | 5 |
| Even its lowest parts are turned up as by fire. | |
| The stones of it are the place of sapphires ; | 6 |
| And it hath dust of gold. | |
| The path no bird of prey knoweth, | 7 |
| And the vulture’s eye hath not glanced upon it. | |
| The proud whelps have not trodden it, | 8 |
| Nor the black lion passed along it. | |
| [The miner] putteth forth his hand on the flinty rock ; | 9 |
| He overturneth mountains by the roots. | |
| He cutteth channels among the rocks ; | 10 |
| And his eye seeth everything precious. | |
| He bindeth the streams from leaking ; | 11 |
| And what was hidden he bringeth forth to light. | |
| But where shall WISDOM be found ? | 12 |
| And where is the place of Understanding ? | |
| Man knoweth not the price thereof ; | 13 |
| Neither is it to be found in the land of the living. | |
| The underground water saith, ‘ It is not in me.’ | 14 |
| And the sea saith, ‘ It is not with me.’ | |
| Pure gold shall not be given in exchange for it ; | 15 |
| Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. | |
| It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, | 16 |
| With the precious onyx, or the sapphire. | |

- 17 It cannot be measured with gold or crystal,
Or exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
18 Coral, or diamonds, shall not be mentioned,
For the price of Wisdom is above pearls;
19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it,
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
20 Whence then cometh Wisdom?
And where is the place of Understanding?
21 Seeing that it is hid from the eyes of all living,
And concealed from the fowls of the air.
22 The Pit of destruction and Death say,
'We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.'
23 God understandeth the way thereof,
And he knoweth the place thereof;
24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth;
He seeth what is under the whole heavens.
25 When he made the weight for the winds,
And he arranged the waters by measure,
26 When he made a decree for the rain,
And a way for the flash of the thunder;
27 Then did he see it, and declare it,
'He prepared it, yea, and searched it out;
28 And unto man [or Adam] he said,
'Behold, *the fear of Jehovah, that is Wisdom* [Prov. ix. 10];
—'And to depart from evil is Understanding.'
- 1 AND JOB AGAIN took up his parable, and said,
2 Oh that I were as in months past,
As in the days when God preserved me;
3 When his lamp shined upon my head,
And by its light I walked through darkness;
4 As I was in the days of my strength,
When the friendship of God was upon my tent;
5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
When my children were about me;
6 When I washed my steps with cream,
And the rock poured out for me rivers of oil!
7 When I went out to the gate of the city,
When I prepared my seat in the Broad Place.
8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves;
And the aged arose, and stood up;
9 The princes refrained from talking,
And laid their hand upon their mouth;

The nobles held back the voice, 10
 And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; 11
 And when the eye saw me, it gave witness for me;
 Because I delivered the poor that cried, 12
 And the fatherless, when he had no helper.
 The blessing of the perishing man came upon me; 13
 And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me as a robe; 14
 And my judgment was as a turban.
 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. 15
 I was a father to the poor; 16
 And the cause which I knew not I searched out.
 And I broke the cheek-teeth of the wicked, 17
 And plucked the spoil out of his teeth.
 Then I said, 'I shall die in my nest, 18
 'And I shall multiply my days as the phoenix.'
 My root was spread out by the waters, 19
 And the dew lay all night upon my branch.
 My glory was fresh upon me, 20
 And my bow was renewed in my hand.
 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, 21
 And they kept silence at my counsel.
 After my words they spake not again; 22
 And my speech dropped [as dew] upon them.
 And they waited for me as for the rain; 23
 And they opened their mouth as for the latter rain.
 If I smiled on them, they believed it not; 24
 And the light of my countenance they let it not fall.
 I chose out their way, and sat as chief, 25
 And I dwelt as a king in the army,
 As one that comforteth the mourners. —

But now they that are younger than I laugh at me, 1
 Whose fathers I scorned to set with the dogs of my flock.
 Yea, the strength of their hands, what was it to me? 2
 With them their full age was wasted away.
 Desolate in want and famine they gnawed the desert, 3
 Which was of old desolate and waste.
 They plucked bitter leaves on the bushes, 4
 And roots of the broom-brush for their food.
 They were driven forth from among men, 5
 Who cried after them as after a thief,

- ⁶ To dwell in the horrid places of the valleys,
In caves of the earth, and among the rocks.
- ⁷ They uttered wild cries among the bushes;
Under the nettles they were crowded together.
- ⁸ Sons of fools, yea, sons of men without a name,
They were driven out of the land.
- ⁹ And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.
- ¹⁰ They abhor me, they flee far from me,
And they spare not to spit in my presence,
- ¹¹ Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me;
They have also cast a noose before me.
- ¹² Upon my right hand rise the young knaves;
They push away my feet,
And they heap up against me their destructive ways.
- ¹³ They break up my path, they add to my calamity;
There is no help by reason of them.
- ¹⁴ They come upon me as by a wide breach;
They roll themselves beneath the ruins.
- ¹⁵ Death-terrors are turned upon me;
They pursue mine honour as the wind;
And my welfare passeth away as a cloud.
- ¹⁶ And now my soul is poured out within me;
Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
- ¹⁷ My bones bore through me in the night season;
And my gnawing taketh no rest.
- ¹⁸ By its great force is my covering disfigured;
It bindeth me as the collar of my under-coat.
- ¹⁹ It hath cast me into the mire,
And I am become like dust and ashes.
- ²⁰ (I cry to thee, [O God,] and thou dost not answer me;
Or consider me when I stand up.
- ²¹ Thou art turned to be cruel to me;
With the strength of thy hand thou opposest me.
- ²² Thou liftest me up, thou makest me to ride on the wind;
And thou dissolvest my safe counsel.
- ²³ For I know that thou wilt bring me back to death,
And to the house appointed for all living.)
- ²⁴ Truly prayers are nought if he stretch out his hand;
So if he afflict is the cry thereat for help.
- ²⁵ Did not I weep for him whose day was hard?
My soul was grieved for the poor.
- ²⁶ When I looked for good, then evil came;

And when I waited for light, there came darkness. 27
 My bowels boiled, and were not quiet ;
 The days of affliction came upon me.
 I went darkened, but not by the sun's heat ; 28
 I stood up, and I cried out in the assembly.
 I am brother to jackals, and companion to ostriches. 29
 My skin is black upon me, 30
 And my bones are burned with heat.
 My harp also is turned to mourning, 31
 And my pipes to the voice of them that weep. —
 I made a covenant with mine eyes ; 1
 Why then should I think upon a maiden ?
 For what portion should I have from God above ? 2
 And what inheritance from the Almighty on high ?
 Is not calamity for the wicked ? 3
 And to be an alien for the workers of iniquity ?
 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps ? 4
 If I have walked with falsehood, 5
 Or if my foot hath hastened to deceit ;
 Let me be weighed in even balances, 6
 That God may know mine honesty.
 If my step hath turned out of the way, 7
 And my heart hath walked after mine eyes,
 And if any stain hath cleaved to my hands ;
 Then let me sow, and let another eat ; 8
 Yea, let my plants be rooted out.
 If my heart have been deceived by a woman, 9
 Or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door ;
 Then let my wife grind for another, 10
 And let others bow down upon her.
 For this is a heinous crime ; 11
 Yea, it is an iniquity for the judges.
 For it is a fire that consumeth to the Pit of destruction, 12
 And would root out all mine increase.
 If I did despise the cause of my man-servant, 13
 Or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me ;
 What then should I do when God riseth up ? 14
 And when he visiteth, what should I answer him ?
 Did not he that made me in the womb make him ? 15
 And did not One fashion us in the womb ?
 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, 16
 Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail ;

- 17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone,
And the fatherless child hath not eaten thereof ;
18 (For from my youth he grew up with me, as his father,
And her I guided from my mother's womb ;)
19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing ;
Or any poor man without covering,
20 If his loins have not blessed me,
When he was warmed with the fleece of my sheep ;
21 If I have shaken my fist against the fatherless,
When I saw help for myself at the city gate ;
22 Then let my shoulder-blade fall from my shoulder,
And mine arm be broken from the upper bone.
23 For destruction from God would be a terror to me,
And by reason of his majesty I could not endure.
24 If I have made gold my hope,
Or have said to fine gold, 'Thou art my confidence ;'
25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had gotten much ;
26 If I looked to the sun when it shined,
Or the moon walking in its brightness ;
27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
Or my mouth hath kissed my hand [in worship] ;
28 This also were an iniquity for the judge ;
For I should have denied the God that is above.
29 If I rejoiced at the misfortune of him that hated me,
Or was puffed up when evil found him ;
30 Yet I did not suffer my mouth to sin,
By wishing his soul under a self-curse.
31 If the men of my tent said not,
'Who can shew one not satisfied from his meat ?'
32 The stranger did not lodge in the street ;
But I opened my doors to the traveller ;
33 If I had covered my transgressions as Adam [Gen. iii. 10],
By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom ;
34 Because I feared a great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me ;
Then I would be silent, and not go out of the doorway.
35 Oh that he would hear me ! behold, my signature,
Let the Almighty answer me, and my accuser write his
charge.
36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder,
And bind it as a crown to me.

Numbering my steps, I would confess to him ; 2
 As to a prince I would approach him.

If my land cry out against me, 3
 Or that the furrows likewise thereof complain ;
 If I have eaten the richness thereof without money, 3
 Or have caused the husbandmen thereof to lose their life ;
 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, 4
 And wild berries instead of barley. —

The words of Job were ended ; and these three men
 ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own
 eyes. Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of 2
 Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram ; against Job
 was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather
 than God. Also against his three friends was his wrath 3
 kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had
 condemned Job. Now Elihu had waited till Job had 4
 spoken, because they were elder in days than he. When 5
 Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these
 three men, then his wrath was kindled. And ELIHU the 6
 son of Barachel the Buzite ANSWERED and said,

I am young in days, and ye are very old ;
 Therefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you my opinion.
 I said, ‘ Days should speak, 7
 ‘ And multitude of years should teach wisdom.’
 But surely there is a spirit in man ; 8
 And the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
 Great men are not always wise ; 9
 Neither do the aged understand judgment.
 Therefore, I said, ‘ Hearken to me ; 10
 ‘ I also will shew mine opinion.’
 Behold, I waited for your speeches ; 11
 I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched for words
 Yea, I attended to you, and behold, 12
 None of you confuted Job, or answered his words.
 Lest ye should say, ‘ We have found wisdom,’ 13
 God will put him to flight, not man.
 Now he hath not directed his words against me ; 14
 Neither will I answer him with your speeches.
 (They are amazed, they answer no more ; 15
 They have left off speaking.
 And I have waited, for they speak not, 16
 But they stand still, and answer no more.

- ¹⁷ Then I will answer my part, and I will shew mine opinion.
¹⁸ For I am full of matter,
The spirit within my breast constraineth me.
¹⁹ Behold, my breast is as wine that hath no vent ;
It is ready to burst like new leather bottles.
²⁰ I will speak, that I may be refreshed ;
I will open my lips and will answer.
²¹ Now I will not regard any man's person,
Neither let me flatter any man.
²² For I know not how to flatter ;
—My Maker would soon take me away.)
¹ Therefore, O Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches,
And hearken unto all my words.
² Behold, now I have opened my mouth,
My tongue hath spoken with my palate.
³ My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart ;
And my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.
⁴ The Spirit of God made me,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.
⁵ If thou art able to answer me,
Set thyself in order before me, stand up.
⁶ Behold, I am at thy bidding in God's stead.
I also am formed out of clay.
⁷ Behold, the fear of me will not make thee afraid,
Neither will my weight be heavy upon thee.
⁸ Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing,
And I heard the voice of thy words, [saying,]
⁹ ' I am clean without transgression, I am innocent ;
' Neither is there iniquity in me.
¹⁰ ' Behold, He findeth causes of quarrel with me,
' He counteth me for his enemy,
¹¹ ' He putteth my feet in the stocks,
' He watcheth all my paths.' [Chap. xiii. 27.]
¹² Behold, in this thou art not just ;
I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
¹³ Why dost thou strive against him ?
For he giveth not account of any of his doings.
¹⁴ Surely in one way God speaketh,
Yea, in two ways, yet man regardeth it not.
¹⁵ In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falleth upon men,
In slumberings upon the bed ;

Then he openeth the ears of men, 16
 And setteth a seal on their instruction,
 That he may withdraw man from his doings, 17
 And hide pride from the mighty ;
 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, 18
 And his life from perishing by the sword.

Man is also chastened with pain upon his bed, 19
 When the strife of his bones is continual,
 So that his appetite maketh him abhor bread, 20
 And his soul dainty food.
 His flesh is consumed, so that it cannot be seen ; 21
 And his bones that were not seen are laid bare.
 Yea, his soul draweth nigh unto the pit, 22
 And his life to those who cause death.

If there be a messenger [or preacher] near to him, 23
 An interpreter, one among a thousand,
 To shew unto a man his right way ;
 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, 24
 ‘Deliver him from going down to the pit ;
 ‘I have found an atonement.’
 His flesh becometh fresher than a child’s ; 25
 He returneth to the days of his youth ;
 He prayeth to God, who will be favourable to him ; 26
 And he shall see his face with the shout of joy ;
 For he will render unto man his righteousness.
 He singeth before men, and saith, ‘I have sinned, 27
 ‘And I perverted the right, and it profited me not ;
 ‘He delivered my soul from going into the pit, 28
 ‘And my life shall see the light.’
 Lo, all these things worketh God 29
 Twice and three times with man,
 To bring back his soul from the pit, 30
 So as to be enlightened with the light of the living.

Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me ; 31
 Hold thy peace, and I will speak.
 If thou hast anything to say, answer me ; 32
 Speak, for I should be pleased with thy justification.
 If not, do thou hearken unto me ; 33
 Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom. —

FURTHERMORE ELIHU answered and said, 1
 Hear my words, O ye wise men ; 2
 And give ear to me, ye that have knowledge.

³ For the ear trieth words, as the palate tasteth food:

⁴ Let us choose to us a rule of judging ;

Let us know among ourselves what is good.

⁵ For Job hath said, ' I am righteous [Ch. x. 15] ;

' And God hath turned aside my judgment [Ch. xxvii. 2].

⁶ ' Should I lie against mine own right ?

' My wound is incurable without transgression.'

⁷ What man is like Job ? he drinketh up scoffing like water.

⁸ He goeth in company with workers of iniquity,

And walketh with wicked men.

⁹ For he said, ' It profiteth a man nothing [Ch. xxi. 15],

' That he should make himself acceptable to God.'

¹⁰ Therefore hear me, ye men of understanding ;

Far be it from God that he should do wickedness,
And from the Almighty that he should act unjustly.

¹¹ For the work of each man will he render to him,
And cause every man to find according to his ways.

¹² Yea, surely God will not do wickedly,
Neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

¹³ Who gave him charge over the earth ?

Or who hath established the whole world ?

¹⁴ If he should set his heart upon himself,

If he gather to himself his spirit and his breath ;

¹⁵ All flesh would perish together,

And man would turn again unto dust.

¹⁶ If now thou hast understanding, hear this ;

Hearken to the voice of my words.

¹⁷ Can then one that hateth right govern ?

And wilt thou condemn the righteous Mighty One ?

¹⁸ Can one say to a king, ' Thou art wicked ;'

And to tyrants, ' Ye are ungodly.'

¹⁹ He respecteth not the persons of princes,

Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor ;

For they all are the work of his hands.

²⁰ In a moment they die, and at midnight

The people are troubled, and pass away ;

And the mighty are taken away without hand.

²¹ For his eyes are upon the ways of man,

And he seeth all his goings.

²² There is no darkness, nor shadow of death,

Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.]

²³ For he will not long attend to man,

When he would enter into judgment with God. 24
 He breaketh in pieces mighty men without inquiry,
 And setteth others in their stead.
 Thus he knoweth their works ; 25
 And a night overturneth them, and they are crushed.
 Because they are wicked, he striketh them 26
 In the open sight of the beholders ;
 Because they turned back from following him, 27
 And would not consider any of his ways,
 So as to bring the cry of the poor unto him ; 28
 And he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble ? 29
 But when he hideth his face, who then can behold him ?
 Whether because of a nation, or because of a man only ;
 So that an ungodly man should not reign, 30
 So that the people should not be ensnared.

Surely he should have said to God, 'I have suffered, 31
 'I will not offend any more ;
 'That which I see not, teach thou to me ; 32
 'If I have done iniquity, I will do so no more.
 'Is it from thee ? Let it be recompensed, 33
 'When thou rejectest, when thou choosest, and not I.
 'Therefore speak thou what thou knowest.'

Men of understanding tell me, 34
 And a wise man will hearken unto me.
 Job speaketh without knowledge, 35
 And his words are without wisdom.
 My desire is that Job may be thoroughly tried, 36
 Because his answers are among wicked men.
 For he addeth rebellion to his sin, 37
 He clappeth his hands among us,
 And he multiplieth his words against God. —

FURTHERMORE ELIHU answered and said, 1
 Thinkest thou this to be right ? 2
 Thou saidst, 'My righteousness is more than God's.'
 For thou askest what advantage it will be to thee ; 3
 'What profit shall I have if free from my sin ?' [Ch. xxi. 15.]
 I will answer thee, and thy friends with thee. 4

Look unto the heavens, and see ; 5
 And behold the skies which are higher than thou.
 If thou sinnest, what workest thou against Him ? 6
 Or if thy transgressions be many, what doest thou to Him ?

- 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou to him?
Or what receiveth he from thy hand?
- 8 Thy wickedness may be somewhat to a man as thou art;
And thy righteousness to a son of Adam.
- 9 By reason of strife the oppressed are made to cry;
They cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.
- 10 But none saith, 'Where is God my maker,
'Who giveth songs of praise in the night;
- 11 'Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
'And maketh us wiser than the fowls of the heavens?'
- 12 Thence they cry, but no one giveth answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 Surely God will not hearken to vanity,
Neither will the Almighty regard it.
- 14 Although thou sayest thou dost not see him [Ch. ix. 11.],
Judgment is before him; therefore wait thou on him.
- 15 But now, because his anger hath not visited,
And he attendeth not to the great pride;
- 16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity;
—He multiplieth words without knowledge.
- 1 And ELIHU CONTINUED and said,
2 Suffer me a little while, and I will shew thee;
For I have yet words on God's behalf.
- 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
- 4 For truly my words will not be false;
One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
- 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any;
He is mighty in strength and wisdom.
- 6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked;
But giveth right to the poor.
- 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous;
But with kings shall they be on the throne;
Yea, he establisheth them for ever, and they are exalted.
- 8 And if they be bound in fetters,
And be held in cords of affliction;
- 9 Then he sheweth them their doings,
And their transgressions because they were proud.
- 10 He openeth also their ear unto discipline,
And commandeth that they return from iniquity.
- 11 If they obey and serve him,
They will spend their days in prosperity,

And their years in pleasures.

But if they obey not, they will perish by the sword, 12
And they will die for want of knowledge.

But the ungodly in heart heap up wrath ; 13
They cry not for help when he bindeth them.

Their soul dieth in youth, 14

And their life is among the unclean.

He delivereth the afflicted in his affliction, 15

And openeth their ears in oppression.

Even so he removeth thee out of the adversary's mouth, 16

Into a broad place where there is no narrowness ;

And what lieth on thy table would be full of fatness.

But thou hast fully executed wicked judgment ; 17

Judgment and the decision hold together.

Beware lest Wrath take thee away by a stroke ; 18

Then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

Will he esteem thy riches ? 19

No, not gold-ore, nor all the forces of strength.

Desire not the night, 20

In order to overcome peoples in their places.

Take heed that thou turn not to iniquity ; 21

For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

Behold, God exalteth by his power ; 22

Who teacheth like him ?

Who hath enjoined unto him his way ? 23

Or who can say, 'Thou hast wrought iniquity' ?

Remember that thou magnify his work, 24

Which men look round upon.

All mankind see it ; a man may behold it afar off. 25

Behold, God is great, and we know him not, 26

Neither can the number of his years be searched out.

For he draweth up the drops of water ; 27

They pour down as rain for his mist,

Which the skies drop down, and distil on man largely. 28

Yea, doth man understand the spreading of the clouds, 29

Or the thunder of his tabernacle ?

Behold, He spreadeth his lightning around him, 30

And it covereth the roots of the sea.

For by these judgeth he the peoples ; 31

He giveth food in abundance.

He covereth the lightning in the hollow of his hands, 32

And commandeth it when to strike down.

33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning him,
—The zeal of his anger against iniquity.

- 1 At this also my heart trembleth,
And is moved out of its place.
- 2 Hearken ye attentively ; His voice is in a tumult,
And a sound goeth out of his mouth.
- 3 Under the whole heavens he maketh it to flash,
And his lightning is unto the ends of the earth.
- 4 After it a voice roareth ;
He thundereth with the voice of his majesty ;
And he will not keep them back when his voice is heard.
- 5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice ;
Great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
- 6 For he saith to the snow, ‘ Be thou on the earth ;
‘ And rain, pour thou down ; and pouring rains, be ye
‘ violent.’
- 7 He sealeth up the hand of all mankind ;
That all men may know his work.
- 8 Then the wild beasts go into dens,
And remain in their lurking places.
- 9 Out of the Chambers [of the south] cometh the whirlwind ;
And cold out of the driving [north wind].
- 10 By the breath of God frost is given,
And the breadth of the waters is made solid.
- 11 Also he loadeth the thick cloud with moisture ;
His light scattereth the clouds ;
- 12 He turneth about the seasons by his counsels,
That they may do whatsoever he commandeth them,
Over the face of the world on the earth.
- 13 He causeth each to come,
Whether for correction, or for his land, or for kindness.
- 14 Hearken unto this, O Job ; stand still,
And consider the wondrous works of God.
- 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them,
And caused the light of his cloud to shine ?
- 16 Dost thou understand the balancings of the clouds,
The wondrous works of perfect knowledge ?
- 17 Why are thy garments warm,
When he quieteth the earth by the south wind ?
- 18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky,
Which is strong, and as a molten mirror ?
- 19 Teach us what we shall say to him ;

We cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. 20
 Shall it be told him that I speak?
 If a man say it, surely he will be swallowed up.
 And now they see not the bright light in the skies, 21
 Though the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.
 A golden brightness cometh out of the north; 22
 With God is terrible majesty.
 It is the Almighty;—we cannot find him out; 23
 He is excellent in power, and in judgment,
 And abounding in justice; he will not afflict.
 Let men therefore fear him; 24
 He maketh not any afraid that are wise of heart. —
 Then JEHOVAH ANSWERED JOB out of the whirlwind, 1
 and said,
 Who is this that darkeneth counsel 2
 By words without knowledge?
 Gird up now thy loins like a man; 3
 For I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me,
 Where wast thou when I founded the earth? 4
 Declare if thou hast understanding;
 Who laid its measures, if thou knowest? 5
 Or who stretched out the line upon it?
 Upon what were its foundations sunk? 6
 Or who laid the corner-stone thereof,
 When the morning stars sang together, 7
 And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
 Or who shut up the sea with doors, 8
 When it brake forth, and issued out of the womb?
 When I made the cloud to be its garment, 9
 And thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,
 And I established for it my decree, 10
 And I set up cross-bars and doors,
 And said, ‘Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further;
 ‘And here shall the pride of thy waves be stayed?’
 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; 12
 And caused the dayspring to know its place,
 So as to take hold of the ends of the earth, 13
 That the wicked might be driven out of it?
 Its [skies] are changed as clay by the seal; 14
 And they present themselves as a garment.
 But from the wicked their light is withheld, 15
 And the high arm will be broken.

- ¹⁶ Hast thou gone to the springs of the sea?
Or hast thou walked about in search of the deep?
- ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been opened unto thee?
Or hast thou seen the door-keepers of the shadow of death?
- ¹⁸ Hast thou considered the breadth of the earth?
Declare if thou knowest it all.
- ¹⁹ Which is the way to where light dwelleth?
And darkness, where is the place thereof,
- ²⁰ That thou mayest take each to its own bounds,
And that thou shouldest know the paths to its house?
- ²¹ Knowest thou this, because thou wast then born?
Or because the number of thy days is great;
- ²² Hast thou entered the treasure houses of the snow?
Or hast thou seen the treasure houses of the hail,
- ²³ Which I have reserved against a time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?
- ²⁴ By which way is the light portioned out,
That scattereth the east wind upon the earth?
- ²⁵ Who divideth a watercourse for the floods,
Or a way for the flash of the thunder;
- ²⁶ To cause it to rain on a land where no man is;
On the desert, where there is no son of Adam;
- ²⁷ To satisfy the desolate and waste ground;
And to cause the bud of the grass to spring forth?
- ²⁸ Hath the rain a father?
Or who begetteth the drops of the dew?
- ²⁹ Out of whose womb cometh the ice?
And the hoar frost of heaven, who gendereth it,
- ³⁰ When the waters are hidden as with a stone,
And the face of the deep is fettered?
- ¹ Dost thou bind the bands of the Pleiades,
Or unloose the fetters of Orion?
- ² Dost thou lead out the stars of the Zodiac in their season?
Or dost thou guide the Great Bear with her young ones?
- ³ Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens?
Or dost thou set the dominion thereof on the earth?
- ⁴ Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That an abundance of waters may cover thee?
- ⁵ Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go,
And may say to thee, 'Here we are?'
- ⁶ Who put wisdom into the shooting stars?
Or who gave understanding to the meteors?

Who numbereth the clouds in his wisdom? 37
 And who layeth the bottles of heaven on their sides,
 When the dust is melted into mud, 38
 And the clods cleave fast together?
 Dost thou hunt the prey for the lioness? 39
 Or fill the appetite of the young lions,
 When they couch in their dens, 40
 And abide in the covert to lie in wait?
 Who provideth for the raven its prey, 41
 When its young ones cry to God, or wander for lack of food?—
 Knowest thou the time when the ROCK GOATS bring 1
 forth?
 Dost thou watch over the calving of the hinds?
 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? 2
 Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
 They kneel down, they bring forth their young, 3
 They cast away their pains.
 Their young ones thrive, they grow up in the plain; 4
 They go forth, and return not unto them.
 Who hath sent out the WILD ASS free? 5
 Or who hath unloosed the bands of the wild mule?
 To whom I gave the Barren Valley for his house, 6
 And the salt track for his dwellings.
 He scorneth the tumult of the city, 7
 Neither regardeth he the cry of the driver.
 The range of the mountains is his pasture, 8
 And he searcheth after every green herb.
 Will THE BUFFALO be willing to serve thee? 9
 Or will he abide in thy stable?
 Canst thou bind the buffalo by his band in the furrow? 10
 Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? 11
 Or wilt thou leave the fruit of thy labour to him?
 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, 12
 And that he will gather it on to thy threshing-floor?
 The wing of THE OSTRICH shaketh joyfully; 13
 Hath it the pinion and feathers of the pious stork?
 For she leaveth her eggs in the earth, 14
 And warmeth them in the sand,
 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, 15
 Or that the wild beast of the field may break them.
 She is cruel to her young ones, as though not hers; 16

- Her labour is in vain, without fear ;
17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom,
Neither hath he given her a share of understanding.
18 What time she lifteth up herself on high,
She scorneth the horse and its rider.
19 Didst thou give to THE HORSE his strength ?
Hast thou clothed his neck with a rustling mane ?
20 Didst thou make him to leap as the grasshopper ?
The glory of his snorting is terrible.
21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his might ;
He goeth forth to meet the armed men.
22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted ;
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattleth against him,
The glittering spear and the javelin.
24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage ;
Neither is he quiet when there is the sound of a trumpet.
25 He saith among the trumpets, ‘ Ha, ha ;’
And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
26 Doth THE HAWK fly by thy wisdom,
And stretch her wings toward the south ?
27 Is it at thy command that THE EAGLE mounteth up,
Or that she maketh her nest on high ?
28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock,
Upon the crag of the rock, and the stronghold.
29 From thence she spieth about for her food,
And her eyes behold it afar off.
30 Her young brood also sucketh up blood ;
—And where the slain are, there is she.
1 MOREOVER JEHOVAH answered Job, and said,
2 Shall he that pleadeth with the Almighty teach him ?
He that reproveth God, let him answer it.
3 Then JOB ANSWERED Jehovah, and said,
4 Behold, I am vile ; what shall I answer thee ?
I will lay my hand upon my mouth.
5 Once have I spoken ; but I will not answer ;
Yea, twice, but I will add no more.
6 Then JEHOVAH ANSWERED Job out of the whirlwind,
and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man ;
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

Wilt thou also annul my judgment? 8
 Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be acquitted?
 Hast thou an arm like God? 9
 Or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellence; 10
 And clothe thyself with glory and beauty.
 Scatter abroad the overflowings of thy wrath; 11
 And look on every one that is proud, and abase him.
 Look on every one that is proud, and humble him; 12
 And tread down the wicked in their place.
 Hide them in the dust together; 13
 And bind their faces in secret.
 Then will I also confess unto thee, 14
 That thine own right hand can save thee.
 Behold now THE RIVER-HORSE, which I made with thee; 15
 He eateth grass as an ox.
 Now behold, his strength is in his loins, 16
 And his force is in the muscles of his belly.
 When he lusteth, his tail is like a cedar; 17
 The sinews of his thighs are wrapped together.
 His bones are as pipes of copper; 18
 His larger bones are like bars of iron.
 He is the chief of the ways of God; 19
 He that made him giveth to him his sword.
 Surely the mountains bring forth food for him, 20
 Where all the wild beasts of the field do play.
 He lieth under the leaves of the lotus, 21
 In the covert of the reed, and in the fens.
 The lotus leaves cover him with their shade; 22
 The willows of the brook encompass him.
 Lo, when the river presseth, he hasteneth not away; 23
 He would trust were the Jordan to rush into his mouth.
 By his eyes he must be taken; 24
 His nostrils must be pierced with snares. —
 Canst thou draw out THE CROCODILE with a hook? 1
 And fasten down his tongue with a cord?
 Canst thou put a reed into his nose? 2
 And bore his jaw through with a ring?
 Will he make many supplications to thee? 3
 Will he speak soft words to thee?
 Will he make a covenant with thee? 4
 Wilt thou catch him for a servant for ever?

- 5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird ?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens ?
- 6 Will the companies purchase him ?
Will they part him among the merchants ?
- 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons ?
Or his head with fish spears ?
- 8 Lay thy hand upon him,
Remember the battle, thou wilt not do it again.
- 9 Behold, the hope of him is deceitful ;
Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him ?
- 10 None is so fierce that dare rouse him up ;
Who then is able to stand before me ?
- 11 Who hath helped me first, that I should repay him ?
Whatsoever is under the whole heavens is mine.
- 12 I will not be silent about his limbs,
Nor the matter of his power, nor his comely proportion.
- 13 Who can uncover the face of his garment ?
Or who can come within his double jaws ?
- 14 Who can open the doors of his face ?
His teeth are terrible round about.
- 15 The strong pieces of his shields are his pride,
Shut up together as with a close seal.
- 16 One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.
- 17 They are joined one to another,
They stick together, that they cannot be parted.
- 18 In his snorting a light doth shine,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
- 19 Out of his mouth go firebrands,
And sparks of fire make their escape.
- 20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke,
As out of a boiling pot or caldron.
- 21 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth out of his mouth.
- 22 Strength dwelleth in his neck,
And terror leapeth before him.
- 23 The folds of his flesh cleave fast together ;
They are firm upon him, they cannot be disturbed.
- 24 His heart is as firm as a stone ;
Yea, as firm as a nether millstone.
- 25 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid ;
By reason of tremblings they mistake their way.

The sword of him that striketh at him cannot hold ; 26
 The spear, the dart, nor the coat of mail.
 He esteemeth iron as straw, and copper as rotten wood. 27
 The arrow from the bow cannot make him flee ; 28
 Sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.
 The club is counted by him as stubble ; 29
 He laugheth at the shaking of a spear.
 His under parts are as points of potsherds, 30
 He draweth out furrows upon the mire.
 He maketh the deep to boil like a caldron ; 31
 He maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.
 He maketh his track to shine behind him ; 32
 One would think the deep to be hoary.
 Upon earth there is not his like, he is made without fear. 33
 He beholdeth all high things ; 34
 He is a king over all the children of pride. —

Then JOB ANSWERED Jehovah, and said, 1
 I know that thou canst do everything ; 2
 And no thought is withheld from thee. [Thou askedst]
 ‘ Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge ?’ 3
 Yea, I [Job] uttered what I understood not ;
 Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
 [Thou didst say], ‘ Harken now, and I will speak ; 4
 ‘ I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.’
 I [Job] have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear ; 5
 But now mine eye seeth thee.
 Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. 6

And it was so, that after Jehovah had spoken these 7
 words to Job, Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite,
 ‘ My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two
 ‘ friends ; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is
 ‘ right, like my servant Job. Therefore take to you now 8
 ‘ seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job,
 ‘ and offer up on your behalf a burnt offering ; and my ser-
 ‘ vant Job shall pray for you ; for to him will I have respect,
 ‘ lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not
 ‘ spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.’

So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and 9
 Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as Jehovah
 commanded them. And Jehovah had respect to Job ; and 10
 Jehovah brought home the captivity of Job, when he prayed
 on behalf of his friends ; also Jehovah gave Job twice as

²⁴ the king of Tirzah, one. All the kings were thirty and one.

- ¹ Now Joshua was old and advanced in years ; and Jehovah said to him, ‘Thou art old and advanced in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.
- ² ‘This is the land that yet remaineth ; all the Circle of the
- ³ ‘Philistines, and all the Geshurites,—from the Shihor [or ‘Nile], which is before Lower Egypt, even unto the boundary of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanites ; five chiefs of the Philistines ; [namely] the ‘Gazathites, and the Ashdodites, the Askalonites, the
- ⁴ ‘Gathites, and the Ekronites ; and also the Avites on the ‘south ;—all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah [or ‘the naked coast], that is beside the Sidonians, unto
- ⁵ ‘Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites ;—and the land ‘of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, ‘from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the Pass of
- ⁶ ‘Hamath ;—all the inhabitants of the Hill country from ‘Lebanon unto Misarephoth on the Sea, even all the ‘Sidonians. These will I drive out from before the children of Israel. Only divide thou it by lot unto the ‘Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.
- ⁷ ‘Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto ‘the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh.’
- ⁸ With these the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, BEYOND THE JORDAN EASTWARD, even as Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them ; from Aroer, that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley and all the Table-land of Medeba unto Dibon ;
- ⁹ and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the Children of
- ¹⁰ Ammon ; and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan
- ¹¹ unto Salcah ; all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants. And these did Moses smite, and
- ¹² cast them out. Nevertheless the children of Israel cast not out the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites ; but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israel-
- ¹³ ites until this day. Only to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance ; the offerings to Jehovah the God of Israel

made by fire are their inheritance, as he said to them [Deut. xviii. 2].

And Moses gave to the **TRIBE OF THE CHILDREN OF** ¹⁵
REUBEN for their families. And their boundary was from ¹⁶
Aroer, that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the
city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the Table-
land by Medeba; Heshbon, and all its cities that are ¹⁷
on the Table-land; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-
baal of Maon, and Jahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, ¹⁸
and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar on the ¹⁹
mount of the valley, and Beth-peor, and the Hill-sides of ²⁰
Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, and all the cities of the Table- ²¹
land, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites,
who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the
princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur,
and Reba, who were Sihon's princes, dwelling in the land.
Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the chil- ²²
dren of Israel slay with the sword among those that were
slain by them. And the boundary of the children of Reu- ²³
ben was the Jordan. And this was the boundary of the
inheritance of the children of Reuben for their families,
the cities and the villages thereof.

And Moses gave to the **TRIBE OF GAD**, even to the chil- ²⁴
dren of Gad for their families. And their boundary was ²⁵
Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of
the Children of Ammon, unto Aroer, that is before Rab-
bah; and from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Beto- ²⁶
nim; and from Mahanaim unto the boundary of Debir;
and in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Suc- ²⁷
coth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king
of Heshbon, the Jordan and its boundary, even unto the
edge of the Sea of Chinnereth beyond the Jordan east-
ward. This is the inheritance of the children of Gad for ²⁸
their families, the cities, and their villages.

And Moses gave to the **HALF TRIBE OF MANASSEH**. ²⁹
And this was for the half tribe of the children of
Manasseh for their families. And their boundary was ³⁰
from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king
of Bashan, and all the Hamlets of Jair, which are in
Bashan, sixty cities; and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, ³¹
and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, be-
longed to the children of Machir the son of Manasseh,

even to the one half of the children of Machir for their
32 families. These are the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the barren plains of Moab
33 beyond the Jordan, by Jericho, eastward. But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance. Jehovah the God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto
—them.

1 And these are the countries which the children of Israel inherited IN THE LAND OF CANAAN, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for
2 inheritance to them. By casting of lots was their inheritance, as Jehovah had commanded by the hand of Moses [Numb. xxvi. 55], for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.
3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe beyond the Jordan ; but to the Levites he gave
4 no inheritance among them. For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their pasture lands for their cattle and for their sub-
5 stance. As Jehovah had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 (Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal ; and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said to him, 'Thou knowest the word that Jehovah said to Moses the
'man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.
7 'Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of Jehovah 'sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land ; and
8 'I brought him word again as it was in my heart. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the
'heart of the people to melt ; but I wholly followed Jeho-
9 'vah my God. And Moses sware on that day, saying, 'Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be
'thine for an inheritance, and thy children's for ever, be-
10 'cause thou hast wholly followed Jehovah my God. And 'now, behold, Jehovah hath kept me alive, as he said, 'these forty and five years, even since Jehovah spake this
'word to Moses, while the children of Israel walked in 'the desert. And now, behold, I am this day [A.M. 2714]
11 'eighty and five years old. As yet I am as strong this 'day as I was in the day that Moses sent me. As my 'strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war,

‘ both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me
‘ this hill country, whereof Jehovah spake in that day ; for ¹²
‘ thou heardest in that day how the Anakites are there,
‘ and the cities are great and fenced ; if so be Jehovah will
‘ be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as
‘ Jehovah said.’ And Joshua blessed him, and gave to Caleb ¹³
the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. Hebron ¹⁴
therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed Jehovah the God of Israel. And the name of ¹⁵
Hebron before was the City of Arba, who was a great man among the Anakites. And the land had rest from war.) —

And the lot of the tribe of the CHILDREN OF JUDAH for ¹
their families was to the boundary of Edom ; the desert of Zin southward was at the southern limit.

(And their south boundary was from the shore of the ²
Salt Sea, from the bay that looketh southward. And it ³
went out to the south of the hill-road of Acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up on the south to Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa ; and it passed toward ⁴
Azmon, and went out unto the valley of Lower Egypt ; and the goings out of that boundary were at the sea. This shall be your south boundary.)

And the east boundary was the Salt Sea, unto the end ⁵
of the Jordan.

And the boundary on the north side was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan. And the boundary ⁶
went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah. And the boundary went up to the Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. And the boundary went up ⁷
toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the hill-road, to Adummin, which is on the south side of the brook. And the boundary passed toward the waters of Ain-shemesh, and the ⁸
goings out thereof were at Ain-rogel. And the boundary went up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom unto the south corner of the Jebusites ; the same is Jerusalem. And the boundary went up to the top of the hill that lieth before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the Valley of the Giants northward. And the boundary ⁹
was drawn from the top of the hill to the well of the

Jehovah will receive my prayer.

- ¹⁰ Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed ;
Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

VII.

A Hymn of David, which he sang unto Jehovah, in the matter of Cush the Benjamite.

- ¹ O Jehovah my God, in thee have I put my trust ;
Save me from all that persecute me ; and deliver me ;
² Lest, like a lion, he tear my soul ;
Rending it in pieces, while there is no deliverer.
³ O Jehovah my God, if I have done this ;,
If there be dishonesty in my hands ;
⁴ If I have repaid evil to those at peace with me,
Or have plundered mine oppressors without cause ;
⁵ Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it ;
Yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,
And lay mine honour in the dust. (A pause.)
⁶ Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger,
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine oppressors ;
And awake for me to the appointed judgment.
⁷ So shall the congregation of the peoples surround thee ;
For their sakes therefore return thou on high.
⁸ Jehovah will do justice on the peoples ;
Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness,
And according to my mine honesty that is in me.
⁹ Oh let the wickedness of the wicked fail ;
But establish thou the righteous man ;
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
¹⁰ My shield is with God, who saveth the upright in heart.
¹¹ God judgeth the righteous, and is not angry every day.
¹² If [the enemy] turn not, He will sharpen his sword ;
He will aim with his bow, and make it ready.
¹³ He also prepareth for him weapons of death ;
He maketh ready his arrows for persecutors.
¹⁴ Behold, [the enemy] is in child-birth with iniquity,
And hath conceived mischief, and bringeth forth lies.
¹⁵ He hath made a pit, and digged it,
And he shall fall into the ditch which he hath made.
¹⁶ His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violence shall come down upon his own skull.
¹⁷ I will praise Jehovah according to his righteousness ;
And will sing of the name of Jehovah most high.

VIII.

For the chief Musician upon the Guitar, A Psalm of David.

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| O Jehovah our Lord, | 1 |
| How excellent is thy name on all the earth ! | |
| Thou who hast set thy majesty above the heavens. | |
| Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings | 2 |
| Hast thou ordained glory because of thine adversaries, | |
| To silence the enemy and the self-avenger. | |
| When I see thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, | 3 |
| The moon and the stars, which thou hast established ; | |
| What is man, that thou art mindful of him ? | 4 |
| And a son of Adam, that thou visitest him ? | |
| For thou hast made him a little lower than the gods, | 5 |
| And hast crowned him with glory and honour. | |
| Thou hast made him ruler over the works of thy hands ; | 6 |
| Thou hast put all things under his feet ; | |
| All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field ; | 7 |
| The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, | 8 |
| Which pass through the paths of the ocean. | |
| Oh Jehovah our Lord, how excellent is thy name on all the | 9 |
| earth ! | |

IX.

For the chief Musician upon the White Virginals,
A Psalm of David.

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| I will give thanks, O Jehovah, with my whole heart ; | 1 |
| I will show forth all thy marvellous works. | |
| I will be glad and rejoice in thee ; | 2 |
| I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High. | |
| When mine enemies shall be turned back, | 3 |
| They will fall and perish at thy presence. | |
| For thou hast maintained my right and my cause ; | 4 |
| Thou satest in the throne judging righteously. | |
| Thou hast rebuked the Nations, and destroyed the wicked ; | 5 |
| Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever. | |
| The destruction of the enemy is wholly completed ; | 6 |
| And thou hast destroyed their cities ; | |
| The memory of themselves is perished. | |
| But Jehovah will endure for ever ; | 7 |
| He hath prepared his throne for judgment. | |
| And he will judge the world in righteousness, | 8 |
| He will do justice on the peoples in uprightness. | |

- ⁹ Jehovah also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰ And they that know thy name will trust in thee ;
For thou, Jehovah, forsakest not them that seek thee.
- ¹¹ Sing praise to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion ;
Declare among the peoples his doings.
- ¹² For he searcheth out bloodshed, he remembereth it ;
He forgetteth not the cry of the afflicted.
- ¹³ Pity me, O Jehovah ; see my trouble from my foes ;
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death ;
- ¹⁴ So that I may shew forth all thy praise,
In the city gates of the daughter of Zion ;
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
- ¹⁵ The Nations are sunk into the pit-fall that they made ;
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
- ¹⁶ Jehovah is known by the judgment executed ;
The wicked man is ensnared in the work of his own hands.
(Music during a pause.)
- ¹⁷ The wicked shall be sent back into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.
- ¹⁸ For the needy will not always be forgotten,
Or the expectation of the poor perish for ever.
- ¹⁹ Arise, O Jehovah ; let not man prevail ;
Let the Nations be judged in thy sight.
- ²⁰ Put them in fear, O Jehovah ;
Let the Nations know that they are men. (A pause.)

X.

- ¹ Why standest thou afar off, O Jehovah ?
Thou hidest thyself in times of trouble.
- ² The wicked man in pride doth persecute the poor ;
Let them be taken in the purposes that they devise.
- ³ For the wicked man boasteth of his soul's desire,
And the greedy blesseth himself, he despiseth Jehovah.
- ⁴ The wicked in his pride of countenance will not inquire,
God is not in all his thoughts.
- ⁵ His ways will be always grievous.
Thy judgments are far above out of his sight ;
As for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
- ⁶ He saith in his heart, 'I shall not stumble for generations ;'
Because he hath not been in adversity.
- ⁷ His mouth is full of oaths and fraud and oppression :
Under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages ; 8
 In secret places he murdereth the innocent ;
 His eyes are slily watching against the miserable.
 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den ; 9
 He lieth in wait to catch the poor ;
 He catcheth the poor man, by drawing him into his net.
 He croucheth, he stoopeth down, 10
 That the miserable may fall by his strong claws.
 He saith in his heart, 'God hath forgotten ; 11
 'He hideth his face ; he will never see.'
 Arise, O Jehovah ; O God, lift up thy hand ; 12
 Forget not the afflicted.

Wherefore doth the wicked man despise God ? 13
 He saith in his heart, 'Thou wilt not require it.'
 Thou lookest, when thou seest mischief and spite, 14
 To requite it with thy hand ;
 The miserable man committeth himself to thee ;
 Thou art the helper of the fatherless.
 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man ; 15
 Seek out his wickedness till none be found.

Jehovah is king for ever and ever ; 16
 May the Nations be destroyed out of his land.
 O Jehovah, thou hearest the desire of the afflicted ; 17
 Thou preparest their heart, thou inclinest thine ear,
 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, 18
 That man who is of the earth may no more terrify.

XI.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David.
 In Jehovah I put my trust ; how say ye to my soul, 1
 'Flee as a bird to your mountain' ?
 For, lo, the wicked aim with their bow, 2
 They make ready their arrow upon the string,
 To shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.
 When the pillars [or princes] are thrown down, 3
 What can a righteous man do ?

Jehovah is in his holy temple, 4
 Jehovah's throne is in the heavens ;
 His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of Adam.
 Jehovah trieth the righteous ;
 But the wicked and the lover of violence his soul hateth.
 On the wicked he will rain flakes of fire and brimstone, 5
 And a burning wind will be the portion of their cup.

- 7 For Jehovah is righteous, he loveth righteousness ;
The upright shall behold his face.

XII.

For the chief Musician on the [lower] octave, A Psalm of David.

- 1 Help, O Jehovah ; for the godly man hath ceased ;
For the truthful fail from among the children of Adam.
2 They speak falsehood every one with his neighbour ;
They speak with flattering lips, but with a double heart.
3 Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaketh proud things ;
4 For they have said, ' With our tongue will we prevail ;
' Our lips are our own ; who is lord over us ?'
5 ' Because of the oppression of the poor,
' Because of the sighing of the needy,
' Now will I arise,' saith Jehovah ;
' I will set him in safety whom men scorn.'
6 The words of Jehovah are pure words ;
As silver tried in a furnace on the ground,
Purified seven times.
7 Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah,
Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk about on every side ;
Vileness is as dignity among the children of Adam.

XIII.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- 1 How long wilt thou wholly forget me, O Jehovah ?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me ?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart daily ?
How long shall mine enemy be raised up over me ?
3 Look and answer me, O Jehovah my God ;
Enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death ;
4 Lest mine enemy say, ' I have prevailed against him ;'
And those that trouble me rejoice when I fall away.
5 But I have trusted in thy kindness ;
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
6 I will sing to Jehovah, because he hath rewarded me.

XIV.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David.

- 1 The fool saith in his heart, ' There is no God.'
They have done corrupt and abominable works,

There is none that doeth good.

Jehovah looked down from heaven on the sons of Adam, 2
To see if any did understand and seek God ; [saying]

‘ Are all gone aside together, are they become filthy ? 3

‘ Is there none that doeth good, not even one ?

‘ Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, 4

‘ Who eat up my people as they eat bread ?

‘ They have not called upon Jehovah.’

Then they were in great fear ; 5

For God is in the generation of the righteous.

Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor, 6

Because Jehovah is his refuge.

Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion ! 7

When Jehovah bringeth home the captivity of his people.

Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

XV.

A Psalm of David.

O Jehovah, who shall abide in thy tabernacle ? 1

Who shall dwell on thy holy mountain ?

He that walketh uprightly and doeth righteousness, 2

And speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, 3

Nor doeth evil to his friend,

Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

In whose eyes a vile person is despised ; 4

But he honoureth them that fear Jehovah.

When he hath sworn to his own hurt, he changeth not.

He putteth not out his money to usury, 5

Nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be troubled.

XVI.

A Poem of David.

Preserve me, O God ; for in thee do I put my trust. 1

I said unto Jehovah, ‘ Thou art my Lord ; 2

‘ My happiness is nothing without thee.

‘ As to the holy ones that are on the earth, 3

‘ In them, and in the excellent, is all my delight.’

They that hasten elsewhere multiply their troubles ; 4

Their drink offerings of blood will I not pour out,

Nor take up their names upon my lips.

Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and my cup ; 5

Thou maintainest my lot.

- ⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
⁷ I will bless Jehovah, who hath given me counsel ;
My reins also instruct me in the night season.
⁸ I have set Jehovah always before me ;
Because he is at my right hand I shall not stumble.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my liver rejoiceth ;
My flesh also will dwell in hope.
¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell ;
Nor suffer thy godly one to see corruption.
¹¹ Thou wilt make known to me the path of life ;
In thy presence is fulness of joy ;
At thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

XVII.

A Prayer of David.

- ¹ Hear the righteous, O Jehovah, attend to my cry,
Give ear to my prayer, which is not from deceitful lips.
² Let the judgment on me come forth from thy Presence ;
Let thine eyes behold the things that are right.
³ Thou provest my heart ; thou visitest me by night ;
Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing ;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
⁴ In the doings of men, by the command of thy lips,
I have kept me from the paths of the violent.
⁵ Hold thou up my goings in thy paths,
That my footsteps slip not.
⁶ I call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God ;
Incline thine ear to me, and hear my speech
⁷ Shew thy kindness, O thou that savest them that trust,
From those that rise up against thy right hand.
⁸ Keep me as the apple of thine eye,
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
⁹ From the wicked that oppress me,
From enemies against my life, who encompass me.
¹⁰ They are shut up in their own fat ;
With their mouth they speak proudly.
¹¹ They have already encompassed us in our steps ;
They have set their eyes bowing down to the earth ;
¹² Their likeness is as a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as a young lion that lurketh in secret places.
¹³ Arise, O Jehovah, come against his face, cast him down ;
Deliver my soul from the wicked man by thy sword,

From men by thy hand, O Jehovah, 14
 From men of this age, whose portion is in [this] life,
 And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure ;
 Their children have enough,
 And they leave their residue to their babes.
 As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness ; 15
 I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

XVIII.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David, the servant of Jehovah, who spake to Jehovah the words of this song on the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul ; and he said,

I will love thee tenderly, O Jehovah, my strength ; 1
 O Jehovah, my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer ; 2
 My God, my strength, in whom I will trust ;
 My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

With praises I will call upon Jehovah ; 3
 So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
 The cords of death encompassed me, 4
 And the floods of wickedness make me afraid.
 The cords of hell were around me ; 5
 The snares of death were before me.
 In my distress I call on Jehovah, and cry to my God. 6
 He heareth my voice out of his temple,
 And my cry cometh before him, into his ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled ; 7
 The foundations also of the hills were disquieted,
 And they were shaken, because he was wroth.
 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, 8
 And fire out of his mouth devoured ;
 Coals were kindled by it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down ; 9
 And darkness was under his feet.
 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly ; 10
 Yea, he soared upon the wings of the wind.
 He made darkness his secret place around him ; 11
 His pavilion was dark waters and cloudy skies.
 At the brightness before him his clouds passed off ; 12
 There were hail-stones and coals of fire.

Jehovah also thundered in the heavens, 13
 And the Most High gave forth his voice ;

There were hail-stones and coals of fire.

¹⁴ Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them ;
And he multiplied lightnings, and discomfited them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of the waters were seen,
And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
At thy rebuke, O Jehovah,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

¹⁶ He stretched forth from above, he took me,
He raised me up out of great waters.

¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from my foes, for they were too strong for me.

¹⁸ They came against me in the day of my calamity ;
But Jehovah was my support.

¹⁹ He brought me forth also into open space ;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness ;
According to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.

²¹ For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all his judgments were before me,
And his statutes I did not put away from me.

²³ I have also been upright before him,
And I have kept myself from mine iniquity.

²⁴ And Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands before his eyes.

²⁵ With the merciful thou shewest thyself merciful ;
With an Upright Man thou shewest thyself upright ;

²⁶ With the pure thou shewest thyself pure ;
And with the froward thou shewest thyself perverse.

²⁷ For thou wilt save the afflicted people ;
But lofty looks thou wilt bring down.

²⁸ For thou wilt give light to my lamp ;
Jehovah my God will enlighten my darkness.

²⁹ For by thee I would run through a troop ;
And by my God would I leap over a wall.

³⁰ As for God his way is perfect, Jehovah's word is tried ;
He is a shield to all those that trust in him.

³¹ For who is God save Jehovah?
Or who is a rock except our God ?

³² It is God that girdeth me with strength,
And he maketh my way perfect.

³³ He maketh my feet like deer's feet,

And setteth me upon my high places. 34
 He teacheth my hands to war,
 So that a bow of copper is bent by mine arms.
 Thou also givest me the shield of thy salvation ; 35
 And thy right hand holdeth me up,
 And thy answering me maketh me great. 36
 Thou hast widened my steps under me,
 So that my ankles do not totter.
 I pursued mine enemies [Syrians], and overtook them ; 37
 And I turned not back till they were consumed.
 I wounded them so that they were not able to rise ; 38
 They are fallen under my feet.
 For thou didst gird me with strength for battle ; 39
 Thou subduedst under me those that rose up against me. 40
 Thou also gavest me the necks of mine enemies,
 That I might destroy them that hate me. 41
 They cried for help, but there was none to save them ;
 Even to Jehovah, but he answered them not. 42
 Then did I beat them small as dust before the wind ;
 I did cast them out as the dirt into the streets. 43
 Thou deliverest me from the strivings of the people ;
 And thou makest me the head of nations ;
 A people whom I knew not [Assyria] shall serve me. 44
 When the ear heareth, they shall be obedient to me ;
 The sons of the foreigner shall fawn before me. 45
 The sons of the foreigner shall fade away,
 And shall tremble within their border-fastnesses. 46
 Jehovah liveth ; and blessed be my Rock ;
 And let the God of my salvation be exalted. 47
 It is God that granteth vengeance to me,
 And subdueth the peoples under me. 48
 He delivereth me from mine enemies ;
 Yea, thou liftest me above those that rise up against me ;
 Thou hast delivered me from the violent man. 49
 Therefore I confess thee, O Jehovah, among the Nations,
 And I will sing praises unto thy name. 50
 A tower of salvation He is to his king ;
 And he sheweth kindness to his anointed,
 To David, and to his seed for evermore.

XIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
 The heavens declare the glory of God ;

And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

² Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.

³ It is not a speech nor a language
Of which the sound is not heard ;

⁴ Their music is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

⁵ Who is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber ;
He rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

⁶ His going forth is from one end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the other end thereof ;
And there is nothing hid from his heat.

⁷ The Law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul ;
The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart ;
The command of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes ;

⁹ The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever.

The judgments of Jehovah are true and wholly just ;

¹⁰ More desirable than gold, yea, than much fine gold ;
Sweeter also than honey or the droppings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant warned ;
In keeping of them there is great reward.

¹² Who can understand his sins of ignorance ?
Cleanse thou me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins ;
Let them not have dominion over me ;
Then shall I be upright, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth be acceptable,
And the meditation of my heart come before thee,
O Jehovah, my rock, and my redeemer.

XX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

¹ May Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble ;
May the name of the God of Jacob set thee on high.

² May he send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion.

³ May he remember all thy meal offerings,
And accept the fat of thy burnt offerings. (A pause.)

⁴ May he grant to thee according to thine own heart,
And may he fulfil all thy counsel.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, 5
 And will set up banners in the name of our God ;
 May Jehovah fulfil all thy petitions.
 Now know I that Jehovah saveth his anointed one ; 6
 He answereth him from his holy heavens
 With the saving strength of his right hand.
 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses ; 7
 But we will celebrate the name of Jehovah our God.
 They are brought down and fallen ; 8
 But we are risen up, and stand upright.
 O Jehovah, save the king. 9
 He will answer us in the day when we call.

XXI.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
 The king doth joy in thy strength, O Jehovah ; 1
 And in thy salvation how greatly doth he rejoice !
 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, 2
 And hast not withheld the request of his lips. (A pause.)
 For thou puttest before him the blessings of goodness ; 3
 Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, 4
 Even length of days for ever and ever.
 His glory is great in thy salvation ; 5
 Majesty and honour hast thou laid upon him.
 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever ! 6
 Thou gladdenest him in joy by thy countenance.
 For the king trusteth in Jehovah, 7
 And by the kindness of the Most High he is unmoved.
 Thy hand will find out all thine enemies ; 8
 Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.
 Thou wilt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thy 9
 frown.
 Jehovah will swallow them up in his wrath,
 And the fire will devour them.
 Their fruit wilt thou destroy from the earth, 10
 And their seed from among the children of Adam.
 For they intended evil against thee ; 11
 They imagined mischief, which they could not perform.
 Therefore thou makest them turn their back, 12
 Thou puttest [arrows] on thy bow-strings against their face.
 Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength ; 13
 So will we sing and praise thy power.

XXII.

For the chief Musician, for [the tune of] The Stag of the Morning ; A Psalm of David.

- ¹ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?
Far from my Salvation are the words of my groaning.
- ² O my God, I call by day, but thou answerest not ;
And in the night time, yet I have no ease.
- ³ But thou art the Holy One,
That dwellest among the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ Our fathers trusted in thee ;
They trusted and thou didst deliver them.
- ⁵ They cried unto thee, and were rescued ;
They trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
- ⁶ But I am a worm, and not a man ;
The reproach of mankind, and the despised of the people.
- ⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn ;
They pout with the lip, they shake the head, [saying,]
- ⁸ ' He rejoiced in Jehovah, let him deliver him ;
' Let him save him, seeing that he delighteth in him.'
- ⁹ But thou art he that took me out of the womb,
Giving me trust, even on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb ;
Thou hast been my God from my mother's body.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me ; for trouble is near ;
For there is no one to help.
- ¹² Great Bullocks [the Syrians] have encompassed me ;
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- ¹³ They gape upon me with their mouths,
As a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint ;
My heart is like wax, it is melted within my bowels.
- ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd ;
And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ;
And thou hast laid me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For the Dogs [or Edomites] have encompassed me ;
The assembly of the wicked have gone round me ;
Like a lion [they tear] my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones ; they look and stare at me.
- ¹⁸ They part my garments among them,
And cast lots for my vesture.
- ¹⁹ But be not thou far from me, O Jehovah ;

O my strength, haste thee to help me. 20
 Deliver my soul from the sword ;
 My precious [life] from the hand of the Dog.
 Thou savedst me from the mouth of the Lion [or Assyria] ; 21
 And didst answer me from the horns of the Buffaloes [or
 Egyptians].
 I will declare thy name unto my brethren ; 22
 In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.
 Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him ; 23
 All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him ;
 And be afraid of him, all ye the seed of Israel.
 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the cry of the poor ; 24
 Neither hath he hidden his face from him ;
 But when he cried for help unto him, he heard.
 Of thee shall be my praise in the great assembly. 25
 I will pay my vows in the presence of those that fear him.
 The afflicted will eat and be satisfied ; 26
 They that seek him will praise Jehovah ;
 Your hearts will live for ever.
 They will remember and return to Jehovah, 27
 Even all the ends of the earth ;
 And all the families of the nations will worship before thee.
 For the kingdom is Jehovah's ; 28
 And he ruleth among the nations.
 All the fat ones of the earth have eaten and shall worship ; 29
 All they that go down to the dust shall kneel before him :
 Even he who could not keep alive his own soul.
 Their seed shall serve him ; 30
 It shall be accounted Jehovah's for generations.
 They will come and declare his righteousness, 31
 To a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

XXIII.

A Psalm of David.

Jehovah is my shepherd ; I shall not want. 1
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ; 2
 He leadeth me to refreshing waters.
 He restoreth my soul ; he guideth me 3
 In the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, 4
 I shall fear no evil, for thou wilt be with me ;
 Thy rod and thy staff they will comfort me.

- ⁵ Thou settest a table for me in sight of mine oppressors ;
 Thou ancintest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.
⁶ Yea, goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life ;
 And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for a length of
 days.

XXIV.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof ;
 The world, and they that dwell therein.
² For he founded it upon the ocean,
 And established it upon the floods.
³ Who shall go up to the mountain of Jehovah ?
 Or who shall stand up in his holy place ?
⁴ He that is clean of hands, and pure of heart ;
 Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
 Nor sworn deceitfully.
⁵ He will receive the blessing from Jehovah,
 And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
⁶ This is the generation of them that inquire of him,
 That seek thy face, O [God of] Jacob. (A pause.)

- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
 And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doorways,
 And the King of glory will come in. }
⁸ ' Who is this King of glory ?
 Jehovah strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
 Even lift them up, ye everlasting doorways,
 And the King of glory will come in. }
¹⁰ ' Who is he, this King of glory ?
 Jehovah of hosts, he is the King of glory. (A pause.)

XXV.

[A Psalm] of David.

- ¹ ✠ Unto thee, O Jehovah,—
² I lift up my soul, O my God.
² In thee do I trust ; let me not be ashamed ;
 Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
³ Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed ;
 Let them be ashamed who transgress without cause.
⁴ Make known to me thy ways, O Jehovah ;
 Teach me thy paths.

- 7 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me ;
 For thou art the God of my salvation.
 [1] * * * * *
 On thee do I wait all the day.
 1 Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies,
 And thy kindnesses ; for they have been from of old.
 7 The sins of my youth, and my transgressions
 Thou rememberest not, according to thy kindness,
 Remember thou me for thy goodness sake, O Jehovah.
 8 Good and upright is Jehovah ;
 Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
 9 The afflicted will he guide in judgment ;
 And the afflicted will he teach his way.
 10 All the paths of Jehovah are kindness and truth,
 To such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
 11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah,
 Pardon mine iniquity ; for it is great.
 12 What man is he that feareth Jehovah ?
 Him will he teach in the way that he should choose.
 13 His soul will dwell in prosperity ;
 And his seed will possess the land.
 14 The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him ;
 And to them will he make known his covenant.
 15 Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah ;
 For he will pluck my feet out of the net.
 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me ;
 For I am solitary and afflicted.
 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged ;
 O bring thou me out of my distresses.
 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain ;
 And forgive all my sins.
 19 Look upon mine enemies ; for they are many ;
 And they hate me with a cruel hatred :
 20 Keep thou my soul, and deliver me ;
 Let me not be ashamed ; for I put my trust in thee.
 21 Let honesty and uprightness preserve me ;
 For I wait on thee.
 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

XXVI.

[A Psalm] of David.

Judge me, O Jehovah ; for I walk in mine honesty ; 1

- I trust also in Jehovah ; I shall not slip.
2 Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me ;
Try my reins and my heart.
3 For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes ;
For I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons ;
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I hate the assembly of evil doers ;
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence ;
So will I go about thine altar, O Jehovah ;
7 To publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And to relate all thy wondrous works.
8 O Jehovah, I love the habitation of thy House.
And the place of the Tabernacle of thy Glory.
9 Take not away my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of bloodshed ;
10 In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But I will walk in mine honesty ;
Redeem thou me, and be merciful to me.
12 My foot standeth in righteousness ;
In the assemblies will I bless Jehovah.

XXVII.

[A Psalm] of David.

- 1 Jehovah is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ?
Jehovah is the strength of my life ; whom shall I dread ?
2 When the wicked came upon me to eat up my flesh,
Mine enemies and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3 If a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear ;
If war rise up against me, in this will I be confident.
4 One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that do I seek after ;
That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of
my life,
To behold the beauty of Jehovah,
And to inquire in his temple.
5 For in the evil day he will hide me in his Tabernacle ;
In the secret place of his Tent will he conceal me ;
He will set me up upon a rock.
6 And now my head is raised above the enemies around me ;
And I will offer at his Tent sacrifices of joyful noise ;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises to Jehovah.

Hear, O Jehovah, my voice when I cry ; 7
 Have mercy also upon me and answer me.
 My heart saith, speaking for thee, ' Seek ye my face ;' 8
 Thy face, O Jehovah, I will seek.
 Hide not thy face from me ; 9
 Put not thy servant away in anger ;
 Thou hast been my help ; leave me not,
 Neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
 When my father and my mother forsake me, 10
 Then Jehovah will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Jehovah, 11
 And lead me in a plain path, because of mine oppressors.
 Deliver me not over to the will of mine enemies ; 12
 For false witnesses are risen up against me,
 And such as breathe forth cruelty.
 And yet I trust to see the goodness of Jehovah 13
 In the land of the living.
 Wait on Jehovah ; be of good courage, 14
 And he will strengthen thy heart ;
 Then wait thou on Jehovah.

XXVIII.

[A Psalm] of David.

Unto thee do I cry, O Jehovah, my rock ; 1
 Be not deaf to me ; lest, if thou be silent to me,
 I become like them that go down into the pit.
 Hear the voice of my supplication when I cry to thee, 2
 When I lift up my hands towards thy holy oracle.
 Draw me not away with the wicked, 3
 And with the workers of iniquity,
 Who speak peace with their neighbours,
 But mischief is in their hearts.
 Give to them according to their deeds, 4
 And according to the wickedness of their doings ;
 Give to them after the work of their hands ;
 Render back to them their deserts.
 Because they regard not the doings of Jehovah, 5
 Nor the work of his hands,
 He will destroy them, and not build them up.

Blessed be Jehovah, 6
 For he hath heard the voice of my supplication.
 Jehovah is my strength and my shield ; 7
 My heart trusted in him, and I am helped ;

And my heart rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

⁸ Jehovah is their strength.

And he is the saving strength of his anointed.

⁹ Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance ;
Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

XXIX.

A Psalm of David.

¹ Give unto Jehovah, O ye sons of the mighty,
Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.

² Give unto Jehovah the glory due to his name ;
Worship Jehovah in robes of holiness.

³ The voice of Jehovah is upon the waters ;
The God of glory thundereth, Jehovah is on many waters.

⁴ The voice of Jehovah is full of power ;
The voice of Jehovah is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of Jehovah breaketh the cedars ;
Yea, Jehovah breaketh the cedars of Lebanon,

⁶ He maketh them also to skip like calves ;
Lebanon and Sirion [or Hermon] like young buffaloes.

⁷ The voice of Jehovah divideth the flashes of lightning.

⁸ The voice of Jehovah shaketh the desert ;
Jehovah shaketh the desert of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of Jehovah maketh the hinds to calve,
And layeth bare the forests ;
And in his temple every thing speaketh of his glory.

¹⁰ Jehovah was sitting at [the time of] the Flood ;
Yea, Jehovah will sit a King for ever.

¹¹ Jehovah will give strength to his people ;
Jehovah will bless his people with peace.

XXX.

A Psalm of David, a Song at the dedication of the House.

¹ I will extol thee, O Jehovah ; for thou hast lifted me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

² O Jehovah my God, I cry to thee, and thou healest me.

³ O Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave ;
Thou keepest me alive from those that go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing unto Jehovah, O ye his godly ones,
And give thanks at the memory of his holiness.

⁵ For his anger is for a moment ; his favour for life ;

Weeping may lodge with us for the night,
 But there will be joy in the morning.
 And in my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved.' 6
 O Jehovah, by thy favour 7
 Thou hast made my mountain to stand firm,
 Thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.
 I cried unto thee, O Jehovah ; 8
 And to Jehovah I made supplication, [saying,]
 'What profit will there be in my blood, 9
 'When I go down to corruption?
 'Will the dust praise thee? Will it declare thy truth?
 'Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy upon me ; 10
 'O Jehovah, be thou my helper.'
 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing ; 11
 Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with joy,
 That my liver may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. 12
 O Jehovah my God, I will praise thee for ever.

XXXI.

For the chief Musician, a Psalm of David.

In thee, O Jehovah, do I trust ; let me never be ashamed ; 1
 Deliver me in thy righteousness.
 Bow down thine ear to me ; deliver me speedily ; 2
 Be to me a strong rock, a house of defence to save me.
 For thou art my rock and my fortress ; 3
 Therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me ; 4
 For thou art my stronghold.
 Into thy hand I commit my spirit ; 5
 Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah the God of truth.
 I hate them that regard lying vanities [or idols] ; 6
 But I myself have put trust in Jehovah.
 I will be glad and rejoice in thy kindness ; 7
 For thou hast seen my trouble ;
 Thou hast known my soul in adversities ;
 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy ; 8
 Thou hast set my foot in open space.
 Have pity on me, O Jehovah, for I am in trouble ; 9
 Mine eye, my soul, and my belly, are wasted with grief.
 For my life is spent in grief, and my years in sighing ; 10
 My strength faileth in mine affliction,
 And my bones are wasted away.
 I was the reproach of all mine oppressors. 11

- But mostly among my neighbours,
 And a fear to mine acquaintance ;
 They that saw me in the street fled from me.
- ¹² I was forgotten as a dead man out of mind ;
 I became like a broken vessel.
- ¹³ For I heard the evil report of many, [saying,]
 ‘Terror is on all sides ;’
 While they took counsel together against me,
 While they devised to take away my life.
- ¹⁴ But I trusted in thee, O Jehovah ;
 I said, ‘Thou art my God.’
- ¹⁵ My times are in thy hand ; deliver thou me
 From the hand of mine enemies and my persecutors.
- ¹⁶ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;
 Save me in thy loving kindness.
- ¹⁷ Let me not be ashamed, O Jehovah, when I call on thee ;
 Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent in Hell.
- ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be put to silence ;
 Which speak arrogantly against a righteous man,
 Proudly and contemptuously.
- ¹⁹ How great is thy goodness,
 Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ;
 Thy doings for them that trust in thee
 In presence of the sons of Adam !
- ²⁰ Thou hidest them in the secret place of thy presence,
 From the conspiracies of man thou hidest them,
 In a tabernacle far from the strife of tongues.
- ²¹ Blessed be Jehovah ; for he wrought marvellously
 His loving kindness to me in the besieged city.
- ²² For I said in my fright, ‘I am cut off from before thine
 eyes ;’
 But thou heardest the voice of my supplications,
 When I cried unto thee.
- ²³ O love Jehovah, all ye that are godly ;
 For Jehovah preserveth the faithful,
 But plentifully repayeth the proud doer.
- ²⁴ Be of good courage, and he will strengthen your heart,
 All ye that hope in Jehovah.

XXXII.

A Poem of David.

- ¹ Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
 Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity, ²
 And in whose spirit there is no guile.
 When I kept silence my bones wasted away ³
 Through my groaning all the day long.
 For by day and night thy hand was heavy upon me ; ⁴
 My moisture was turned to summer's drought. (A pause.)
 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, ⁵
 And mine iniquity I did not hide.
 I said, 'I will confess my transgression to Jehovah ;'
 And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. (A pause.)
 For this will every godly man pray to thee. ⁶
 In a time of mischance, yea, in a flood of great waters,
 They shall not come nigh unto him.
 Thou art my hiding-place ; thou savest me from trouble ; ⁷
 Thou encirclest me with songs of deliverance. (A pause.)
 'I will instruct thee and teach thee ⁸
 'In the way which thou shalt go ;
 'I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
 'Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, of no understanding ; ⁹
 'Who are held in with bit and bridle, as with head-gear,
 'Lest they come near unto thee.
 'Many will be the sorrows of the wicked man ; ¹⁰
 'But him that trusteth in Jehovah kindness surroundeth.'
 Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous ; ¹¹
 And shout for joy, all ye upright in heart.

XXXIII.

Shout for joy in Jehovah, O ye righteous ; ¹
 For praise is comely for the upright.
 Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp ; ²
 Sing unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
 Sing unto him a new song ; ³
 Sound the strings skilfully with a loud noise.
 For the word of Jehovah is right ; ⁴
 And all his works are done in truth.
 He loveth righteousness and judgment ; ⁵
 The earth is full of the kindness of Jehovah.
 By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made ; ⁶
 And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
 He gathered the waters of the sea as a heap ; ⁷
 He laid up the under-ground waters in storehouses.
 Let all the earth fear Jehovah ; ⁸
 Let all the inhabitants of the earth stand in awe of him.

- 9 For he spake and it came to pass;
 He commanded and it stood fast.
 10 Jehovah bringeth the counsel of the Nations to nought;
 He maketh the devices of the peoples of none effect.
 11 The purpose of Jehovah standeth for ever,
 The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah,
 The people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.
 13 Jehovah looketh from heaven;
 He beholdeth all the children of Adam.
 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh down
 Upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike;
 He considereth all their doings.
 16 No king is saved by the multitude of a host;
 A warrior is not delivered by much strength.
 17 The horse is a vain thing for safety;
 Neither can he deliver by his great strength.
 18 Behold, the eye of Jehovah is on them that fear him,
 Upon them that hope in his kindness;
 19 To deliver their soul from death,
 And to keep them alive in famine.
 20 Our soul waiteth for Jehovah;
 He is our help and our shield.
 21 For our heart rejoiceth in him,
 Because we have trusted in his holy Name.
 22 Let thy kindness, O Jehovah, be upon us,
 According as we hope in thee.

XXXIV.

[A Psalm] of David, when he changed his behaviour
 before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he de-
 parted.

- 1 I will bless Jehovah at all times;
 His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 2 My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah;
 The afflicted shall hear, and be glad.
 3 O magnify Jehovah with me,
 And let us exalt his name together.
 4 I inquired of Jehovah, and he answered me,
 And he delivered me from all my fears.
 5 They looked to him, and were gladdened;
 And their faces were not ashamed.

- 1 This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard, 6
 And saved him out of all his troubles.
 2 The angel of Jehovah encampeth 7
 Around them that fear him, and he delivereth them.
 3 Taste ye, and see that Jehovah is good ; 8
 Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
 4 O fear Jehovah, ye his holy ones ; 9
 For there is no want to them that fear him.
 5 Young lions do lack, and suffer hunger ; 10
 But they that seek Jehovah will not want any good thing.
 6 Come, ye children, hearken unto me ; 11
 I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.
 7 What man is he that desireth life, 12
 And loveth many days, that he may see good ?
 8 Keep thy tongue from evil, 13
 And thy lips from speaking guile.
 9 Depart from evil, and do good ; 14
 Seek peace, and pursue it.
 10 The eyes of Jehovah are upon the righteous, 15
 And his ears are towards their cry.
 11 The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil, 16
 To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
 12 When men cry, Jehovah heareth, 17
 And delivereth them out of all their troubles.
 13 Jehovah is nigh unto the broken-hearted ; 18
 And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
 14 Many are the afflictions of the righteous man, 19
 But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.
 15 He keepeth all his bones ; 20
 Not one of them is broken.
 16 Evil will slay the wicked ; 21
 And they that hate the righteous man will be punished.
 Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants ; 22
 And none of them that trust in him will be punished.

XXXV.

[A Psalm] of David.

- Plead, O Jehovah, against them that plead against me. 1
 Fight against them that fight against me.
 Take hold of shield and buckler, 2
 And stand up for a help to me.
 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way 3
 Against the approach of them that persecute me ;

- Say unto my soul, 'I am thy salvation.'
- ⁴ Let them be ashamed and disgraced that seek my life ;
Let them be turned back and shamed that devise my hurt.
- ⁵ Let them be as chaff before the wind ;
And let the angel of Jehovah chase them.
- ⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery ;
And let the angel of Jehovah pursue them.
- ⁷ For without cause have they hidden a pit-fall for me ;
Without cause they have sunk their net for my soul.
- ⁸ Let a tempest come upon him unawares ;
And let his net that he hath hidden catch himself,
During the tempest, let him fall into it.
- ⁹ But my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah ;
It shall rejoice in his salvation.
- ¹⁰ All my bones shall say, 'O Jehovah, who is like thee,
'Who savest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
'Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him ?
- ¹¹ Injurious witnesses rise up ;
They question me as to things that I know not.
- ¹² They would reward me evil for good,
To the depriving me of life.
- ¹³ But when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth ;
I afflicted my soul with fasting ;
And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
- ¹⁴ I behaved myself as unto my friend or brother ;
I bowed in gloominess, as one mourning for his mother.
- ¹⁵ But on my limping they rejoiced, and came together ;
Smiters came together against me, when I knew not ;
They did tear me, and ceased not ;
- ¹⁶ On my defilement the buffoons of the feast
Gnashed at me with their teeth.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, how long wilt thou look on ?
Rescue my soul from their destructions,
My precious [life] from the young lions.
- ¹⁸ I will give thee thanks in the great assembly ;
I will praise thee among much people.
- ¹⁹ Let not my false foes rejoice over me ;
Or then wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.
- ²⁰ For they speak not peace ;
But against the quiet ones of the land
They devise words of deceit.
- ²¹ Yea, they open their mouth wide against me.

They say 'Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.'

This thou hast seen, O Jehovah; keep not silence; 22
O Lord, be not far from me.

Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, 23

Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

Judge me, O Jehovah my God, as thou art righteous; 24

And let them not rejoice over me.

Let them not say in their hearts, 'Ah, it was our wish.' 25

Let them not say, 'We have swallowed him up.'

Let them be ashamed and confounded together 26

That rejoice at my hurt;

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour

That magnify themselves against me.

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, 27

That delight in my righteous cause;

Yea, let them say continually, 'May Jehovah be magnified,

'Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.'

And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness, 28

And of thy praise all the day long.

XXXVI.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David the servant
of Jehovah.

The profane oath of the wicked man is in my heart, 1

There is no fear of God before his eyes,

(For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,) 2

To find his iniquity to hate it.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit; 3

He hath left off to be wise, and to do good;

He deviseth mischief upon his bed; 4

He setteth himself in a way that is not good;

He abhorreth not evil.

Thy kindness, O Jehovah, is in the heavens; 5

And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.

Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; 6

Thy judgments are a great deep;

Thou preservest man and beast, O Jehovah.

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! 7

And the sons of Adam trust in the shade of thy wings.

They are moistened with the fatness of thy House; 8

And thou makest them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the wellspring of life; 9

In thy light shall we see light.

- ¹⁰ O continue thy kindness to them that know thee ;
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
¹¹ Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
¹² There are the workers of iniquity fallen ;
They are thrust down, and will not be able to rise.

XXXVII.

[A Psalm] of David.

- ¹ **N**Fret not thyself because of evil doers,
Be not envious against the workers of iniquity.
² For they will soon be cut down like the grass,
And they will wither as the green herb.
³ **T**rust in Jehovah, and do good ;
Dwell in the Land, and thou wilt assuredly be fed ;
⁴ Delight thyself also in Jehovah ;
And he will give thee the requests of thy heart.
⁵ **C**ommit thy way unto Jehovah ;
Trust also in him ; and he will bring it to pass.
⁶ And he will bring forth thy righteousness as the light,
And thy cause as the noonday.
⁷ **W**ait silently on Jehovah, and trust patiently in him ;
Fret not thyself at him that prospereth in his way,
At the man that bringeth wicked devices to pass.
⁸ **C**ease from anger, and forsake wrath ;
Fret not thyself in any wise so as to do evil.
⁹ For evil doers will be cut off ;
But those that wait on Jehovah will possess the land.
¹⁰ **F**or yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be ;
Yea, thou shalt consider his place, and it shall not be.
¹¹ But the afflicted will inherit the land ;
And will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
¹² **T**he wicked man plotteth against the righteous,
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
¹³ The Lord will laugh at him ;
For he seeth that his day is coming.
¹⁴ **T**he wicked draw the sword, and aim with their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy,
And to slay such as are upright in their path.
¹⁵ Their sword will enter into their own heart,
And their bows will be broken.
¹⁶ **A** little that a righteous man hath is better
Than the riches of many wicked.

- For the arms of the wicked will be broken ; 17
 But Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.
- 'Jehovah knoweth the days of the upright ; 18
 And their inheritance will be for ever.
 They will not be put to shame in the evil time ; 19
 And in the days of famine they will be satisfied.
- But the wicked will perish, 20
 And the enemies of Jehovah will be as the fat of lambs ;
 They will consume ; into smoke will they consume.
- The wicked man borroweth, and payeth not again ; 21
 But the righteous man sheweth pity, and giveth.
 For such as are blessed by Him will possess the land ; 22
 And they that are cursed by Him will be cut off.
- The steps of a man are ordered by Jehovah ; 23
 And he delighteth in his way.
 Though he fall, he will not be utterly cast down ; 24
 For Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand.
- I have been young, and now am old ; 25
 Yet have I not seen the righteous man forsaken,
 Nor his seed begging bread.
 He is ever merciful, and lendeth ; and his seed is blessed. 26
- Depart from evil, and do good ; 27
 And thou shalt dwell at home for evermore.
 For Jehovah loveth justice, and forsaketh not his saints ; 28
- They are preserved for ever ;
 But the seed of the wicked will be cut off.
 The righteous will possess the land, 29
 And will dwell therein for ever.
- The mouth of the righteous man speaketh wisdom, 30
 And his tongue talketh of judgment.
 The law of his God is in his heart ; 31
 None of his steps will slip.
- The wicked man watcheth against the righteous, 32
 And seeketh to put him to death.
 Jehovah will not leave him in his hand, 33
 Nor condemn him when he is judged.
- Wait upon Jehovah, and keep his way, 34
 And he will exalt thee to possess the land ;
 When the wicked are cut off, thou wilt see it.
- I have seen the wicked man causing great terror, 35
 And spreading like a green tree in its own soil.
 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not ; 36

- Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
 37 **ψ** Mark the honest man, and behold the upright ;
 For the future of that man will be peace.
 38 But the transgressors will be destroyed together ;
 The future of the wicked will be cut off.
 39 **λ** But the salvation of the righteous is from Jehovah ;
 He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
 40 And Jehovah will help them, and deliver them,
 He will deliver them from the wicked, and save them,
 Because they trust in him.

XXXVIII.

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

- 1 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy hot displeasure ;
 Neither chasten me in thy wrath.
 2 For thine arrows have sunk deep into me,
 And thy hand presseth down upon me.
 3 In my flesh is no soundness, because of thine anger ;
 Nor health in my bones, because of my sin.
 4 For mine iniquities are passed over my head ;
 As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
 5 My wounds stink, they are corrupt because of my folly.
 6 I am troubled ; I am bowed down greatly ;
 I go mourning all the day long.
 7 For my loins are filled with burning heat ;
 And there is no soundness in my flesh.
 8 I am feeble and sore broken ;
 I groan by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
 9 O Lord, all my desire is before thee ;
 And my sighing is not hidden from thee.
 10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me ;
 As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
 11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore ;
 And my neighbours stand afar off.
 12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me ;
 And they that seek my hurt speak mischief,
 And imagine deceits all the day long.
 13 But I am as a deaf man ; I will not hear,
 And as a dumb man that cannot open his mouth.
 14 Thus I am as a man that heareth not,
 And in whose mouth are no arguments.
 For in thee, O Jehovah, do I hope ;
 Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.

For I said, 'Lest they should rejoice over me ; 161
 'When my foot slippeth, they will wax great over me.'
 For I am set fast by lameness, 171
 And my sorrow is continually before me.
 For I confess mine iniquity, I am sorry for my sin. 181
 But mine enemies are alive, they are strong ; 191
 And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
 They also that render evil in return for good, 201
 They are mine adversaries ; because I follow good.
 Forsake me not, O Jehovah my God, be not far from me. 211
 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation. 221

XXXIX.

For Jeduthun, the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
 I said, 'I will guard my ways, lest I offend by my tongue ; 1
 'I will keep a muzzle on my mouth,
 'While the wicked man is before me.'
 I was dumb in silence, I held my peace from good ; 21
 And my sorrow was stirred.
 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing ; 31
 The fire burned ; then I spake with my tongue ; [saying]
 'Make me, O Jehovah, to know mine end, 41
 'And the measure of my days, what it is ;
 'That I may know for how short a time I am.
 'Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth ; 51
 'And my lifetime is as nothing before thee.
 'Yea, every strong man is altogether vanity.' (A pause.) 61
 Surely man walketh about in a vain show ;
 Surely they are disquieted in vain ;
 He heapeth up, and knoweth not who shall gather it.
 And now, Lord, what wait I for ; my hope is in thee. 71
 Deliver me from all my transgressions ; 81
 Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
 I am dumb, I open not my mouth ; because thou didst it. 9
 Remove thy stroke away from me ; 101
 I am consumed by the blow of thy hand.
 When with rebukes thou correctest a man for iniquity, 111
 Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth ;
 Surely every man is vanity. (A pause.)
 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear to my cry ; 121
 Be not silent at my tears ; for I am a stranger with thee,
 And a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

- ¹³ O spare me that I may be cheerful,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

XL.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- ¹ I waited patiently for Jehovah ;
And he turned unto me, and heard my cry.
² And he lifted me out of a horrible pit, out of miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings,
³ And put into my mouth a new song of praise to our God.
Many will see it, and fear, and will trust in Jehovah.
⁴ Blessed is the man that maketh Jehovah his trust,
And looketh not to boasters, and to such as turn to lies.
⁵ Many works hast thou done, O Jehovah my God,
Thy wonders and thy thoughts towards us are countless ;
I declare to thee and say that they are beyond number.
⁶ Sacrifice and meal offering thou desirest not ;
Mine ears thou hast opened ;
Burnt offering and sin offering thou requirest not.
⁷ Then said I, 'Lo, I come ;
'In the roll of the Book it is written for me.' [Is. i. 11.]
⁸ I delight to do thy will, O my God ;
Yea, thy law is within my heart.
⁹ I have preached righteousness in the great assembly ;
Lo, I have not closed my lips, O Jehovah, thou knowest.
¹⁰ I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart ;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation ;
I have not denied thy kindness,
Or thy truth in the great assembly.
¹¹ Withhold not, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies from me ;
Let thy kindness and truth continually preserve me.
¹² For evils without number have encompassed me ;
Mine iniquities hold me, so that I cannot look up ;
They are more than the hairs of my head ;
And my heart faileth me.
¹³ Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me ;
O Jehovah, make haste to help me.
¹⁴ Let them be ashamed and confounded together
That seek after my life to destroy it ;
Let them be turned back and shamed that desire my hurt.
¹⁵ Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame
That say to me, 'Aha, aha.'
¹⁶ Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee.

Let such as love thy salvation say continually,
 'May Jehovah be magnified.'

But I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh on me ; ¹⁷
 Thou art my help and my deliverer ; tarry not, O my God.

XLI.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Blessed is he that considereth the weak ; 1

Jehovah will deliver him in the day of trouble.

Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive ; 2

And he will be blessed in the land ;

And thou wilt not give him up to the will of his foes.

Jehovah will strengthen him on the bed of languishing ; 3

Thou wilt change all his bedding in his sickness.

I said, 'O Jehovah, be merciful to me ; 4

'Heal my soul ; for I have sinned against thee.'

Mine enemies speak evil of me, [saying,] 5

'When will he die, and his name perish ?'

And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity ; 6

His heart gathereth iniquity to itself ;

He goeth abroad, he telleth it.

All that hate me whisper together against me ; 7

Against me do they devise my hurt, [saying,]

'An evil disease cleaveth fast unto him ; 8

'And when he lieth down he will rise up no more.'

Yea, my familiar friend, in whom I trusted, 9

Who ate my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

But thou, O Jehovah, have pity on me, 10

And raise me up, that I may requite them.

By this I know that thou hast pleasure in me, 11

If mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

And as for me, thou wilt uphold me in mine honesty, 12

And wilt set me before thy face for ever.

Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel from everlasting, ¹³
 and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

XLII. and XLIII.

For the chief Musician, a Poem, for the sons of Korah.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, 1

So panteth my soul for thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God ;

When shall I come and appear before God ?

- ³ My tears have been my food by day and by night,
 While they all the day say to me, 'Where is thy God?'
- ⁴ I remember this, and I pour out my soul within me.
 For I had gone with the crowd,
 I had walked humbly with them to the House of God.
 With the voice of joy and thanksgiving,
 With the multitude that kept holyday.
- ⁵ 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
 'And why art thou disquieted within me?
 'Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise him;
 —'He is the health of my countenance, and my God.
- ⁶ My soul is cast down within me; for I remember thee,
 Far from the land of Jordan, and the peaks of Hermon,
 Far from the little hill [of sacrifice].
- ⁷ Deep calleth to deep at the noise of thy waterspouts;
 All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
- ⁸ By day Jehovah commandeth his loving kindness,
 And by night his song is with me;
 My prayer is to the God of my life.
- ⁹ I say to God, 'My Rock, why hast thou forgotten me?
 'Why go I mourning under the enemy's oppression?'
- ¹⁰ With a stab in my bones, mine oppressors reproach me,
 While they all the day say to me, 'Where is thy God?'
- ¹ 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
 'And why art thou disquieted within me?
 'Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise him;
 —'He is the health of my countenance, and my God.'
- ¹ Judge me, O God, and plead my cause,
 Against a nation that hath no mercy [Babylon].
 O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
- ² For thou art the God of my strength;
 Why hast thou cast me off?
 Why go I about mourning under the enemy's oppression.
- ³ Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me;
 Let them bring me to thy holy hill, and to thy Tabernacle.
- ⁴ Then will I go to the altar of God, to God my glad joy;
 Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.
- ⁵ 'Why art thou cast down, O my soul;
 'And why art thou disquieted within me?
 'Hope thou in God; for I will yet praise him;
 'He is the health of my countenance and my God.'

XLIV.

For the chief Musician, for the sons of Korah, a Poem.
 We have heard with our ears, O God, 1
 Our fathers have told us,
 What work thou didst in their days, in days of old. 2
 Thou didst drive out the Nations with thy hand,
 But them [Israel] thou didst plant ;
 Thou didst afflict the peoples, and didst cast them out. 3
 For [Israel] gained not the land by their own sword,
 Neither did their own arm give them victory ;
 But thy right hand, and thine arm,
 And the light of thy countenance,
 Because thou hadst delight in them. 4
 Thou art he, my King, O God ;
 Command salvation for Jacob. 5
 By thee will we push against our enemies,
 By thy name will we tread down them that rise against us. 6
 For I trust not in my bow, and my sword will not save me. 7
 But thou didst save us from our enemies,
 And didst put to shame them that hated us. 8
 In God we boast all the day long,
 And give thanks unto thy name for ever. (A pause.) 9
 But thou hast cast us off, and put us to shame ;
 And goest not forth with our armies. 10
 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy ;
 And they that hate us plunder for themselves. 11
 Thou hast made us like sheep to be eaten ;
 And hast scattered us among the Nations. 12
 Thou sellest thy people for nought ;
 And dost not enrich thyself by their price. 13
 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours,
 A scorn and a derision to those around us. 14
 Thou makest us a byword among the Nations,
 A shaking of the head among the peoples. 15
 My confusion is all the day before me,
 And the shame of my face hath covered me, 16
 At the voice of the reproacher and blasphemer ;
 At the presence of the enemy and vengeful one. 17
 All this is come upon us ; yet we forget thee not,
 Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. 18
 Our heart is not turned back,
 Neither have our steps declined from thy way ;
 Yet thou hast sore broken us in a place of jackals, 19

- And hast covered us with the shadow of death.
²⁰ If we have forgotten the name of our God,
 Or stretched out our hands to a strange god ;
²¹ Will not God search this out ?
 For he knoweth the secrets of the heart,
²² Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long ;
 We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
²³ Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord ?
 Arouse thyself, cast us not off for ever.
²⁴ Wherefore hidest thou thy face ?
 Thou forgettest our affliction and our oppression.
²⁵ For our soul is bowed down to the dust ;
 Our belly cleaveth to the ground.
²⁶ Arise, be thou a help unto us,
 And redeem us for thy kindness' sake.

XLV.

For the chief Musician upon the Lily instrument, for
 the sons of Korah, A Poem, a Song of Loves.

- ¹ My heart is overflowing with a good matter ;
 I speak what I have made touching the king ;
 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
 [To King Solomon.]
² Thou fairest of the sons of Adam,
 Grace is poured on to thy lips,
 Because God hath blessed thee for ever.
³ Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou mighty one,
 With thy glory and thy majesty.
⁴ And in thy majesty ride prosperously,
 In the righteous cause of truth and meekness ;
 And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
⁵ Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies ;
 May the peoples fall under thee.
 [To God.]
⁶ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever ;
 The sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of justice.
 [To the King.]
⁷ Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness ;
 Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee
 With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
⁸ On all thy garments are myrrh, and aloes, and cassia ;
 Out of ivory palaces stringed lutes delight thee.
⁹ Kings' daughters are among thy beloved women ;

On thy right hand standeth the queen in gold of Ophir.

[To the Queen.]

Hearken, O daughter, and look, and incline thine ear ; 10

Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house ;

So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty ; 11

For he is thy lord ; and worship thou him.

And the daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift ; 12

The rich among the people will entreat thy favour.

[To the King.]

The king's daughter is all glorious in her chamber ; 13

Wovenwork of gold is her clothing.

In embroidery she shall be led unto the king ; 14

The maidens her companions coming after her to thee.

With gladness and rejoicing will they be led ; 15

They will enter into the king's palace.

[To the Queen.]

Instead of thy forefathers will be thy children, 16

Whom thou mayest make princes in all the land.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations ; 17

Therefore shall the peoples praise thee for ever and ever.

XLVI.

For the chief Musician, for the sons of Korah, A Song
upon the Virginals.

God is our refuge and strength, 1

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be changed, 2

And though the hills be cast into the heart of the ocean ;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, 3

And the mountains shake with its swelling. (A pause.)

A river and its streams make glad the city of God, 4

The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her ; she will not be disturbed ; 5

God will help her when the morning appeareth.

The Nations raged, the kingdoms were disturbed ; 6

He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

Jehovah of hosts is with us ; 7

The God of Jacob is our tower of defence. } (A pause.)

Come, behold the doings of Jehovah, 8

Who hath made ruin [of the enemy] in the land.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the land ; 9

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder ;

He burneth the chariots in the fire, [saying,]

- ¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God ;
 'I will be exalted among the Nations,
 'I will be exalted in the earth.'

- ¹¹ Jehovah of hosts is with us ;
 The God of Jacob is our tower of defence. } (A pause.)

XLVII.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- ¹ O clap your hands, all ye peoples ;
 Shout unto God with the voice of triumph,
² For Jehovah the Most High is to be feared ;
 He is a great King over all the earth.
³ He will subdue peoples under us,
 And tribes under our feet.
⁴ He chooseth our inheritance for us,
 The excellence of Jacob whom he loved. (A pause.)
⁵ God is gone up with a shout,
 Jehovah with the sound of a trumpet.
⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises ;
 Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
⁷ For God is the King of all the earth ;
 Sing ye praises with understanding.
⁸ God reigneth over the Nations ;
 God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
⁹ The princes of the peoples are gathered together,
 Even the people of the God of Abraham ;
 For the shields of the land are God's ; he is greatly exalted.

XLVIII.

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- ¹ Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised
 In the city of our God, on his holy mountain.
² Beautiful in height, the joy of all the land, is mount
 Zion,
 On the north side is the city of the great King,
³ God is known in its palaces for a tower of defence.
⁴ For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by at once.
⁵ They saw it, and so they marvelled ;
 They were troubled, and fled away hastily.
⁶ Fear took hold of them there,
 Pain, as of a woman in child-birth.
⁷ Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen,
 In the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God ;

God will establish it for ever.

(A pause.)

We thought of thy kindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.

As is thy name, O God, so is thy praise
Unto the ends of the earth ;

Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice,

Let the daughters of Judah be glad,

Because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round it ; count its towers.

Mark ye well its bulwarks, consider its palaces ;

So that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever ;

He will be our guide even unto death.

XLIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

Hear this, all ye peoples ;

Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world,

Sons of Adam and sons of men, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom ;

And the thought of my heart shall be of understanding.

I will incline mine ear to a parable ;

I will open my dark sayings upon the harp.

Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,

When the iniquity of my deceivers encompasseth me ?

They that trust in their wealth,

And boast in the multitude of their riches ;

None of them can by any means redeem his brother,

Nor give to God a ransom for him ;

(For the redemption of their soul is costly,

When it hath gone to rest for ever ;)

That he should still be wholly alive,

And not see corruption.

For it is seen that wise men die,

Likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,

And they leave their wealth to others.

In their thought their houses are for ever,

Their dwellings to generations and generations ;

They call their lands after their own names.

But a man that is in a post of honour but only for a day } :

May be likened to the beasts that perish. }

This their way is their folly ;

- Yet their posterity approve their sayings. (A pause.)
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave ;
 Death will be their shepherd,
 And the upright will tread over them in the morning ;
 And their form will waste away,
 Hell shall be their dwelling.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Hell ;
 For he will receive me. (A pause.)
- 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
 When the glory of his house is increased ;
- 17 For when he dieth he will carry nothing away ;
 His glory will not go down after him.
- 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul,
 (And men praised thee, when thou didst well to thyself ;)
- 19 Yet [his soul] will go to the generation of his fathers,
 Who will never see the light.
- 20 A man that is in a post of honour and understandeth not, }
 May be likened to the beasts that perish. }

L.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

- 1 The God of gods, Jehovah, speaketh and calleth the earth
 From the rising of the sun to its going down.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shineth.
- 3 Our God will come, and will not keep silence ;
 A fire will devour before him,
 And it will be very tempestuous around him.
- 4 He will call to the heavens from above,
 And to the earth, to judge his people, [saying,]
- 5 ‘ Gather together unto me my godly ones,
 ‘ Who hath made a covenant with me by sacrifice.’
- 6 And the heavens will declare his righteousness ;
 For God is judge himself. (A pause.)
- 7 ‘ Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel ;
 ‘ And I will protest to thee, I am God, even thy God.
- 8 ‘ I do not reprove thee in regard to thy sacrifices ;
 ‘ And thy burnt offerings are always before me.
- 9 ‘ I will take no bullock out of thy house,
 ‘ Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
- 10 ‘ For every wild beast of the forest is mine,
 ‘ And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- 11 ‘ I know all the fowls of the mountains ;
 ‘ And the wild beasts of the field belong to me.

' If I were hungry, I would not tell thee ; 12
 ' For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
 ' Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats ? 13
 ' Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving ; 14
 ' And pay thy vows unto the Most High ;
 ' Then shalt thou call upon me in the day of trouble ; 15
 ' I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.'
 But unto the wicked man God saith, 16
 ' What hast thou to do to declare my Statutes ?
 ' And thou takest my Covenant in thy mouth,
 ' While thou hatest instruction, 17
 ' And castest my Words behind thee.
 ' If thou seest a thief, then thou consentest with him, 18
 ' And thou hast been partaker with adulterers.
 ' Thou lettest loose thy mouth to evil ; 19
 ' And thy tongue frameth deceit.
 ' Thou sittest [as judge] and speakest against thy brother ; 20
 ' Thou utterest slanders against thy mother's son.
 ' These things hast thou done, and as I kept silence, 21
 ' Thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself.
 ' I will convict thee, and prove it to thine own eyes.'
 Now consider this, ye that forget God, 22
 Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no deliverer.
 The sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me ; 23
 And to him that ordereth his way aright
 Will I show the salvation of God.

LI.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when
 Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had
 gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy kindness ; 1
 In the greatness of thy pity blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, 2
 And cleanse me from my sin.
 For I acknowledge my transgressions ; 3
 And my sin is ever before me.
 Against thee, thou only One, have I sinned, 4
 And I have done evil in thy sight ;
 So that thou art justified when thou speakest,
 And art clear when thou judgest.
 Behold, I was begotten in iniquity ; 5
 And in sin did my mother conceive me.

- ⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the inmost heart ;
 And in the secret breast thou teachest me wisdom.
⁷ Purge me from sin with hyssop, and I shall be clean ;
 Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness ;
 That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
⁹ Hide thy face from my sins,
 And blot out all mine iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God ;
 And renew a right spirit within me.
¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence ;
 And take not thy holy spirit from me.
¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ;
 And let thy free spirit uphold me.
¹³ Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;
 And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
 Thou God of my salvation ;
 And my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips ;
 And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice ; else would I give it ;
 Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ;
 A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not
 despise.
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- ¹⁸ Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion ;
 Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with sacrifices of righteousness,
 With burnt offering and whole burnt offering ;
 Then shall bullocks be offered up on thine altar.

LII.

For the chief Musician, A Poem of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him,
 ' David is come to the house of Ahimelech.'

- ¹ Why boastest thou in mischief, O mighty man ?
 The kindness of God endureth continually.
² Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs ;
 As a sharp razor worketh deceitfully.
³ Thou lovest evil more than good,
 Lying rather than to speak righteousness. (A pause.)

Thou lovest all devouring words, O deceitful tongue. 4
 God will likewise destroy thee wholly, 5
 He will seize thee, and pluck thee out of thy tent,
 And root thee out of the land of the living. (A pause.)
 Then the righteous will see, and fear, 6
 And will laugh at him ; [saying,]
 ‘ Behold the man who made not God his stronghold ; 7
 ‘ But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
 ‘ And strengthened himself in his mischief.’
 But I am like a green olive tree in the House of God ; 8
 I will trust in the kindness of God for ever and ever.
 I will praise thee for ever, because thou doest it ; 9
 And I will wait on thy name ;
 For it is good before thy godly ones.

LIII.

For the chief Musician upon the Lute, A Poem of David.

The fool saith in his heart, ‘ There is no God.’ 1
 They have done corrupt and abominable iniquity ;
 There is none that doeth good.
 God looketh down from heaven on the sons of Adam, 2
 To see if any doth understand and seek God, [saying,]
 ‘ All are gone aside together ; they are become filthy ; 3
 ‘ There is none that doeth good, not even one.
 ‘ Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge ; 4
 ‘ Who eat up my people as they eat bread ?
 ‘ They have not called upon God.’
 Then they were in great fear, who had no fear ; 5
 For God scattereth the bones of thine invaders ;
 Thou hast put them to shame, because God despiseth them.
 O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion ! 6
 When God bringeth home the captivity of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

LIV.

For the chief Musician on the Neginoth [or stringed instrument], A Poem of David, when *the Ziphites came and said to Saul, ‘ Doth not David hide himself with us ?’*

Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy might. 1
 Hear my prayer, O God ; give ear to the words of my mouth. 2
 For strangers are risen up against me, 3

And oppressors seek after my soul ;
They have not set God before them.

(A pause.)

- ⁴ Behold, God is my helper ;
The Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
⁵ He will repay evil to mine oppressors ;
Thou wilt cut them off in thy truth.
⁶ In freewill I will sacrifice unto thee ;
I will praise thy name, O Jehovah ; for it is good.
⁷ For it hath delivered me out of all trouble ;
And mine eye hath looked upon mine enemies.

LV.

For the chief Musician on the Neginoth [or stringed instrument], A Poem of David.

- ¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God ;
And hide not thyself from my supplication.
² Attend unto me, and answer me ;
I am tossed about in my complaining, and I groan,
³ At the enemy's voice, at the wicked man's oppression.
For they cast iniquity upon me, and pursue me in wrath.
⁴ My heart is sore pained within me ;
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
⁵ Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me ;
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
⁶ And I said, 'Oh that I had wings like a dove !'
For then would I fly away and be at rest.
⁷ Lo, I would wander far off,
I would lodge in the desert. (A pause.)
⁸ I hasten my escape from the stormy whirlwind.
⁹ Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues.
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
¹⁰ Day and night they go about it upon its walls ;
Mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.
¹¹ Wickedness is in the midst of it ;
Oppression and deceit depart not from its streets.
¹² For it was not an enemy that reproached me ;
Then I could have borne it ;
Not one that hated me that rose up against me ;
Then I would have hid myself from him.
¹³ But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My guide, and mine acquaintance ;

Who with me sweetened companionship, 14
When we walked with the crowd to the House of God.

Let desolations conceal them, 15
Let them go down alive into hell ;
For wickedness is among them in their dwellings.
But I will call upon God, and Jehovah will save me. 16
Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I complain, 17
And I will cry aloud, and he will hear my voice.
He redeemed my soul in safety from the attack on me ; 18
For in multitudes were they against me.
God will hear, and will afflict them, 19
Even he that abideth from of old. (A pause.)

Because they have no changes they fear not God.
He put forth his hands against those at peace with him ; 20
He hath broken his covenant ;
Smooth is the milkiness of his mouth, 21
But war is in his heart ;
His words are softer than oil, yet are as drawn swords.
Cast thy burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain thee ; 22
He will never suffer the righteous man to be moved.
But thou, O God, wilt hurl them down into the pit of 23
destruction ;
Men of bloodshed and deceit shall not live half their days ;
But I will trust in thee.

LVI.

For the chief Musician, for [the tune of] The Silent
Dove of the Pilgrims, A Poem of David, when the
Philistines took him in Gath.

Pity me, O God ; for man is furious against me ; 1
He fighting daily oppresseth me.
Mine oppressors are furious daily ; 2
For they are many that fight against me in pride.
What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. 3
In God I praise his word, in God I trust ; } 4
I will not fear what flesh can do to me. }

Every day they wrest my words ; 5
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
They meet together, they hide themselves, 6
They mark my footsteps, when they wait for my soul.
Shall they escape by iniquity ? 7
In thine anger cast down the peoples, O God.
Thou countest my wanderings ; 8

- Put thou my tears into thy bottle ;
 Are they not in thy book ?
⁹ On the day when I call, will mine enemies turn back ;
 This I know ; for God is for me.
¹⁰ In God I praise his word ;
¹¹ In Jehovah I praise his word ; in God I trust,
 I will not fear what man can do to me. }
¹² Thy vows, O God, are upon me, to thee will I pay my thanks.
¹³ For thou hast delivered my soul from death ;
 Wilt not thou deliver my feet from stumbling,
 That I may walk before God in the light of the living ?

LVII.

For the chief Musician, [for the tune of] ‘*Destroy him not*’ [1 Sam. xxvi. 9] ; A Poem of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

- ¹ Pity me, O God, pity me ; for my soul trusteth in thee ;
 Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I trust,
 Until the calamity be overpast.
² I will cry unto God the Most High,
 Unto God who performeth all things for me.
³ He will send from heaven, and save me
 From the reproach of furious men. (A pause.)
 May God send forth his kindness and his truth.
⁴ My soul is among lions ; I lie among flames,
 Among sons of Adam, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
 And their tongue is a sharp sword.
⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; }
 Let thy glory be above all the earth. }
⁶ They prepared a net for my steps ;
 My soul was bowed down ;
 They digged a pitfall before me,
 They fell themselves into the midst of it. (A pause.)
⁷ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed ;
⁸ I will sing and give praise ; awake up, my Glory ;
 Awake, psaltery and harp ; I myself will awake early.
⁹ I will praise thee, O Lord, among the peoples,
 I will sing unto thee among the nations.
¹⁰ For thy kindness is great up to the heavens ;
 And thy truth up to the skies.
¹¹ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; }
 Let thy glory be above all the earth. }

LVIII.

For the chief Musician, [for the tune of] ‘*Destroy him not*’; A Poem of David.

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| Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O ye gods ; | 1 |
| Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of Adam ; | |
| Yea, in heart ye work wickedness ; | 2 |
| Your hands weigh out violence on the earth. | |
| The wicked are estranged from the womb ; | 3 |
| They go astray from their birth, speaking lies. | |
| Their poison is like the poison of a serpent ; | 4 |
| They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear ; | |
| That will not hearken to the voice of the whisperers, | 5 |
| Though charming with the wisest of charms. | |
| Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth ; | 6 |
| Beat out the cheek-teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah. | |
| Let them melt away as waters, and be gone ; | 7 |
| He aimeth his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces. | |
| As a snail melteth, let them pass away ; | 8 |
| As a woman’s untimely birth, let them not see the sun. | |
| Before your pots can feel the thorns, | 9 |
| He will hurl them away, whether fresh or burnt. | |
| The righteous man will rejoice when he seeth vengeance ; | 10 |
| He will wash his steps in the blood of the wicked. | |
| And men will say, ‘ Yea, there is reward for the righteous ; | 11 |
| ‘ Truly he is a God that judgeth on the earth.’ | |

LIX.

For the chief Musician, [for the tune of] ‘*Destroy him not*’; A Poem of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

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| Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God ; | 1 |
| Set me above them that rise up against me. | |
| Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, | 2 |
| And save me from men of bloodshed. | |
| For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul ; | 3 |
| The mighty ones are stirred up against me ; | |
| Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Jehovah. | |
| They run and prepare themselves without my fault ; | 4 |
| Rouse thyself to help me, and behold. | |
| Do thou therefore, O Jehovah God of hosts, | 5 |
| O God of Israel, awake to visit all the Nations ; | |
| Pity not any wicked transgressors. (A pause.) | |
| They return at evening ; they howl like a dog, | 6 |

- And they go round about the city.
⁷ Behold they pour forth with their mouth ;
 Swords are in their lips, [saying,] ‘ For who heareth ? ’
⁸ But thou, O Jehovah, wilt laugh at them ;
 Thou wilt have all the Nations in derision.
⁹ O my Strength, upon thee will I wait ;
 For God is my strong tower.
¹⁰ The God of my kindness will come forward to me ;
 God will let me look down upon mine oppressors.
¹¹ Slay them not, lest my people forget ;
 Scatter them by thy power ;
 And bring them down, O Lord our shield.
¹² The words of their lips are the sin of their mouth ;
 Let them even be taken in their pride ;
 And for the oaths and lying which they speak.
¹³ Consume them in wrath, consume that they be not ;
 And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob
 Unto the ends of the land. (A pause.)
¹⁴ And at evening let them return, and howl like a dog,
 And let them go round about the city.
¹⁵ Let them wander up and down for food,
 And grumble if they be not satisfied.
¹⁶ But I will sing of thy power ;
 Yea, in the morning I will shout for joy of thy kindness ;
 For thou hast been my strong tower,
 And a refuge in the day of my trouble.
¹⁷ Unto thee, O my Strength, will I sing ;
 For God is my strong tower, a God of kindness to me.

LX.

For the chief Musician, a Poem upon the Lily instrument, A Poem of David, to teach ; when he fought against Syria of the Rivers and against Syria of Zobah, when Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand men of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- ¹ O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us,
 Thou hast been angry ; O turn thyself to us again.
² Thou makest the earth to tremble ; thou hast rent it ;
 Heal the breaches thereof ; for it shaketh.
³ Thou hast shewed thy people hard things ;
 Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
⁴ Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
 That it might flee away from before the bow. (A pause.)

In order that thy beloved ones may be delivered, 5
Save with thy right hand, and answer me.

God spake in his Holy Place, [saying,] 6

‘I will triumph, I will divide up Shechem into portions,

‘And will measure out the valley of Succoth.

‘Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine ; 7

‘Ephraim also is the strong covering of my head ;

‘Judah is my staff of power ;

‘Moab is my washpot ; over Edom I will empty my shoe. 8

‘Shout aloud [O Jerusalem] over Philistia.’

Who will bring me into the besieged city ? 9

Who will lead me into Edom ?

Wilt not thou, O God, who hadst cast us off ? 10

And wilt not thou, O God, go out with our armies ?

Give us help from trouble ; for vain is the help of man. 11

Through God we shall do valiantly ; 12

For he it is that will tread down our oppressors.

LXI.

For the chief Musician upon the Neginoth [or stringed instrument], A Psalm of David.

Hear my cry, O God ; attend unto my prayer. 1

From the end of the earth do I cry unto thee, 2

When my heart fainteth ;

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a refuge for me, 3

And a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tent for ever and ever ; 4

I will flee under the covert of thy wings. (A pause.) 5

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows ;

Thou givest a heritage to those that fear thy name.

Thou wilt add days to the king's days ; 6

His years will be as generations and generations.

He will abide before God for ever ; 7

O prepare kindness and truth, which may preserve him.

So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, 8

That I may perform my vows day by day.

LXII.

For the chief Musician, even for Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

Truly my soul waiteth on God ; from him is my salvation. 1

Truly He is my rock and my salvation ; 2

He is my strong tower, I shall not be greatly disturbed.

- ³ How long will ye imagine mischief against a man ?
Ye would all of you break him down,
As a bowing wall, and as a tottering fence.
- ⁴ Truly they consult to cast him down from his excellence.
They delight in lies ; they bless with their mouth,
But they curse inwardly. (A pause.)
- ⁵ Truly my soul, wait thou on God,
For my hope is from him ;
- ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation ;
He is my strong tower, I shall not be disturbed.
- ⁷ In God is my salvation and my glory ;
My strong rock, my refuge, is in God.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, ye people ;
Pour out your heart before him ;
God is a refuge for us. (A pause.)
- ⁹ Truly the sons of Adam are vanity,
The sons of men are falsehood ;
In the balance, they are together lighter than vanity.
- ¹⁰ Trust not in oppression, and be not vain by robbery ;
If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
- ¹¹ God hath spoken once ; twice have I heard this ;
That power belongeth unto God.
- ¹² Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth kindness ;
For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

LXIII.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the desert of Judah.

- ¹ O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee ;
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
In a dry and thirsty land where no water is ;
- ² To see thy power and thy glory,
So as I have seen a vision of thee in the Sanctuary.
- ³ Because thy loving kindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise thee.
- ⁴ Thus will I bless thee while I live ;
I will lift up my hands [to pray] in thy Name.
- ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with marrow and fat ;
And my mouth shall utter praises with joyful lips ;
- ⁶ When I remember thee upon my bed,
And meditate on thee in the watches of the night.
- ⁷ Because thou hast been my help ;
Therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- ⁸ My soul followeth close after thee ;

Thy right hand upholdeth me.
 But those men seek my soul, to destroy it, 9
 They shall go down into the places below the earth.
 They will be given up to the power of the sword ; 10
 They will be the portion of jackals.
 But the king will rejoice in God ; 11
 Every one that sweareth by him will glory ;
 When the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

LXIV.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Hear my voice, O God, in my complaining ; 1
 Preserve my life from the fear of the enemy.
 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked ; 2
 From the rage of the workers of iniquity ;
 Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, 3
 And aim with their arrows, even bitter words ;
 That they may shoot in secret at the honest man ; 4
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
 They encourage themselves in an evil matter ; 5
 They speak of laying snares privily ;
 They say, ' Who can see them ?'
 They search for iniquities, and they accomplish the search, 6
 Searching both a man's inside, and the heart's depth.
 But God will shoot at them with an arrow ; 7
 Suddenly will they be wounded.
 So they will make their tongue fall on themselves ; 8
 All that see them will flee away.
 And all men will fear, and will declare the work of God ; 9
 For they will wisely consider of his doing.
 The righteous will rejoice in Jehovah, and trust in him ; 10
 And all the upright in heart will glory.

LXV.

For the chief Musician, a Psalm of David, a Song.

Praise waiteth upon thee, O God, in Zion ; 1
 And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
 O thou that hearest prayer, to thee all flesh cometh. 2
 Works of wickedness are too strong for me ; 3
 As for our transgressions, thou pardonest them.
 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, 4
 And causest to approach to dwell in thy courts.
 We shall be satisfied with the good things
 Of thy House, even of thy holy temple.

- 5 Terribly in righteousness thou answerest us,
 O God of our salvation ; thou confidence
 Of all the ends of the earth and of the distant sea ;
 6 Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains ;
 Being girded with power ;
 7 Who stilleth the noise of the ocean,
 The noise of its waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
 8 And they that dwell in the utmost parts fear thy signs ;
 Thou gladdest the outgoings of the morning and evening.
 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it ;
 Thou abundantly enrichest it ;
 The river of God is full of water ;
 Thou preparest their corn, for thus thou preparest it.
 10 Thou waterest well its ridges ; thou settlest its furrows ;
 Thou softenest it with showers ; thou blessest its sprouts.
 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ;
 And thy paths drop fatness.
 12 They drop it on the pastures of the desert ;
 And the little hills are girded with joy.
 13 The sheep-walks are clothed with flocks ;
 The valleys also are covered over with corn ;
 They shout for joy, they also sing.

LXVI.

For the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.

- 1 Shout with joy unto God, all ye lands ;
 2 Sing the honour of his name ; make his praise glorious.
 3 Say unto God, ' How terrible are thy works !
 ' At thy great power thine enemies fawn before thee.
 4 ' Let all the earth worship thee, and sing unto thee ;
 ' They shall sing to thy name.' (A pause.)
 5 Come ye and consider the works of God ;
 He was terrible in his doings for the sons of Adam.
 6 He turned the sea into dry land ;
 They passed over the river on foot ;
 There did we rejoice in him.
 7 He ruleth by his power for ever ;
 His eyes behold the nations ;
 Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. (A pause.)
 8 O bless our God, ye peoples ;
 And make the voice of his praise to be heard ;
 9 He holdeth our soul in life,
 And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us ; 10
 Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
 Thou broughtest us into a trap ; 11
 Thou laidst a burden upon our loins.
 Thou didst cause men to ride over our heads ; 12
 We went through fire and through water ;
 But thou broughtest us out into a well-watered place.
 I will go to thy house with burnt offerings ; 13
 I will pay to thee my vows, which my lips uttered, 14
 And which my mouth spake, when I was in trouble.
 I will offer up to thee burnt offerings of fatlings, 15
 With incense of rams ;
 I will offer bullocks with goats. (A pause.) 16
 Come and hear, all ye that fear God,
 And I will declare what he hath done for my soul. 17
 I cried unto him with my mouth,
 And high praise was under my tongue. 18
 If in my heart I regard iniquity, 18
 The Lord will not hear me ;
 But verily God hath heard me ; 19
 He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
 Blessed be God, who turned not away my prayer, 20
 Nor his kindness from me.

LXVII.

For the chief Musician on the Neginoth [or stringed
 instrument], A Psalm or Song.
 May God be gracious unto us, and bless us ; 1
 And cause his face to shine upon us, (A pause)
 That thy way may be known on earth, 2
 Thy salvation among all nations.
 Let the peoples praise thee, O God ; 3
 Let all the peoples praise thee.
 O let the tribes be glad and sing for joy ; 4
 For thou wilt judge the peoples righteously,
 And wilt lead back the tribes into the land. (A pause.)
 Let the peoples praise thee, O God ; 5
 Let all the peoples praise thee.
 Then will the land yield her increase ; 6
 And God, even our own God, will bless us ;
 God will bless us ; 7
 And all the ends of the earth will fear him.

LXVIII.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

- ¹ Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered ;
And let them that hate him flee from his presence.
- ² As smoke is driven away, so do thou drive them away ;
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God ;
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
- ⁴ Sing unto God, sing praises to his name ;
Pave a way for him that rideth over the barren plains.
His name is JAH, therefore rejoice before him.
- ⁵ A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.
- ⁶ God setteth the solitary in a home ;
He bringeth out into prosperity those that are bound ;
But the rebellious dwell in waste places.
- ⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people.
On thy march through the wilderness,
- ⁸ (A pause) The earth shook,
The heavens also dropped at the presence of God ;
Sinai itself at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ Thou didst scatter rain freely, O God, on thy heritage,
Thou didst strengthen it when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Thy living creatures dwelt therein ;
Thou, O God, preparedst by thy goodness for the poor.
- ¹¹ The Lord gave the word ;
Great was the company of those that brought the news.
- ¹² Kings of armies fled, they fled ;
And she that tarried at home is dividing the spoil.
- ¹³ Though ye [hills] be lying down among the cattle-stalls,
Ye were as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.
- ¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered kings on it,
There was snow on Zalmon.
- ¹⁵ A hill of God is Mount Bashan ;
A hill with peaks is Mount Bashan.
- ⁶ Why look ye enviously, ye hills with peaks,
At the hill which God desireth to dwell on ?
Yea, Jehovah will dwell on it for ever.
- ⁷ The chariots of God were twenty thousand,
Even thousands of thousands [2 Kings vii. 6] ;

The Lord was among them, as on Sinai, at Kadesh.
 Thou didst go up on high; thou hast led captives captive; ¹⁸
 Thou hast seized gifts in men, yea, the rebels,
 For the dwelling place of Jah our God.
 Blessed be the Lord, who daily supporteth us, ¹⁹
 He is the God of our salvation. (A pause.)

Our God is the God of salvation; ²⁰
 And unto Jehovah the Lord belong the issues of death.
 But God will wound the head of his enemies, ²¹
 The hairy scalp of him that goeth about in his guilt.
 The Lord said, 'I will turn them back at Bashan, ²²
 'I will turn them back at the depths of the sea;
 'So that thy foot may be dipped in blood, ²³
 'And the tongue of thy dogs have its share of the foes.'

They have seen thy processions, O God, ²⁴
 The processions of my God, my King, in the Holy Place.
 The singers went before, the musicians followed; ²⁵
 Among them were the maidens striking the timbrels.
 Bless ye God in the assemblies, ²⁶
 Even the Lord, ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

There was little Benjamin who conquered them; ²⁷
 The princes of Judah, ye heaped stones on them;
 The princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
 Thy God commanded thy strength, ²⁸
 Strengthen, O God, what thou hast done for us.
 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem ²⁹
 Kings shall bring presents unto thee.
 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds [or Babylon], ³⁰
 The assembly of bulls, with nations of calves [or Syria],
 Till every one humble himself with pieces of silver.
 Scatter thou the peoples that delight in war.
 Ambassadors shall come out of Egypt? ³¹
 Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; ³²
 Sing praises unto the Lord; (A pause)
 To him that rideth upon the heavens, the heavens of old. ³³
 Lo, he sendeth out his voice, a mighty voice.
 Ascribe ye strength unto God; ³⁴
 His pride is on Israel, and his strength is in the skies.
 O God, thou art terrible out of thy Sanctuary; ³⁵
 The God of Israel giveth strength and power to his people.
 Blessed be God.

LXIX.

For the chief Musician upon the Lily instrument, [A Psalm] of David.

- ¹ Save me, O God ; for the waters are come unto my soul.
² I am sunk in deep mire, where there is no standing ;
I am come into deep waters, and floods overflow me.
³ I am wearied by my calling ; my throat is dried ;
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
⁴ They that hate me without cause
Are more than the hairs of my head ;
'They that would destroy me, my false foes, are mighty ;
I restored that which I had not stolen.
⁵ O God, thou knowest my foolishness ;
And my guilt is not hidden from thee.
⁶ Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed of me,
O Lord Jehovah of hosts,
Let not those that seek thee be confounded
Because of me, O God of Israel.
⁷ Because for thy sake I have borne reproach ;
Shame hath covered my face.
⁸ I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And a foreigner unto my mother's children.
⁹ For zeal for thy house hath eaten me up ;
And the reproaches of them that reproach thee fall on me.
¹⁰ When I weep, in the fasting of my soul,
Then that is a reproach to me.
¹¹ When I make sackcloth my garment,
Then I become a by-word to them.
¹² They that sit in the city gate speak against me ;
And I am the song of the drinkers of strong drink.
¹³ But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Jehovah ;
In an acceptable time, O God, in thy great kindness,
Answer me, in the truth of thy salvation.
¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink ;
Let me be delivered from them that hate me,
And out of the deep waters.
¹⁵ Let not the waterflood overflow me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
¹⁶ Answer me, O Jehovah ; for thy kindness is good ;
Turn to me according to the multitude of thy mercies ;

And hide not thy face from thy servant ; 17
For I am in trouble ; answer me speedily.
Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it ; 18
Deliver me because of mine enemies.
Thou knowest my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour ; 19
Mine oppressors are all before thee.
Reproach hath broken my heart ; and I am sick ; 20
And I look for some to take pity, but there is no one ;
And for comforters, but I have found none. . . 21
They gave me also hemlock for my food ;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. 22
Let their table become a snare before them,
And a trap to them when they meet in friendship. 23
Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not ;
And make their loins continually to shake. 24
Pour out thine indignation upon them. 25
And let thy wrathful anger overtake them.
Let their strongholds be desolate ; 26
And let there be no inhabitants in their tents.
For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten,
And recount the grief of those whom thou hast wounded. 27
Do thou add iniquity unto their iniquity ;
And let them not come into thy righteousness. 28
Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,
And let them not be written with the righteous. 29
But I am poor and sorrowful ;
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. 30
I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31
This also will please Jehovah better than an ox,
Or a bullock that hath horns and divideth the hoof. 32
Let the afflicted see this, and be glad ;
Seek ye God, and your heart shall live. 33
For Jehovah heareth the poor,
And despiseth not his prisoners. 34
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
The ocean, and every thing that moveth therein. 35
For God will save Zion,
And will build up the cities of Judah ;
That they may dwell there and possess it. 36
The seed also of his servants shall inherit it ;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

LXX.

For the chief Musician, [A Psalm] of David, to bring to remembrance.

- ¹ Make haste, O God, to deliver me ;
O Jehovah, make haste to help me.
- ² Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek my life ;
Let them be turned back, and shamed, that desire my hurt.
- ³ Let them return for a reward of their shame
That say, ' Aha, aha.'
- ⁴ Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee ;
And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
' May God be magnified.'
- ⁵ But I am poor and needy ; make haste unto me, O God ;
Thou art my help and my deliverer ; tarry not, O Jehovah.

LXXI.

- ¹ In thee, O Jehovah, do I trust ;
Let me never be put to shame.
- ² Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me ;
Incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
- ³ Be thou unto me for a rock of habitation,
Whereunto I may go continually.
Thou hast given command to save me ;
For thou art my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked man ;
Out of the grasp of the unrighteous and cruel man.
- ⁵ For thou art my hope, O Lord Jehovah ;
Thou hast been my trust from my youth.
- ⁶ By thee I was held up from the womb ;
Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels ;
My praise shall be continually of thee.
- ⁷ I have been as a wonder unto many ;
But thou art my strong refuge.
- ⁸ Thy praise and thine honour fill my mouth all the day.
- ⁹ Cast me not off in the time of old age ;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
- ¹⁰ For mine enemies speak against me ;
And they that watch for my life take counsel together,
- ¹¹ Saying, ' God hath forsaken him ;
' Pursue, and seize him ; for he hath no deliverer.'
- ¹² O God, be not far from me ; my God, hasten to my help.
- ¹³ Let the enemies of my soul be confounded and consumed ;

Let them that seek my hurt be covered with scorn and
shame.

But I will hope continually, 14

And will praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall recount thy righteousness, 15

And thy salvation all the day ;

For I know not the numbers thereof.

I will go in the strength of the Lord Jehovah ; 16

I will make mention of thy righteousness, thou Only One.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth ; 17

And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Even till I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not ; 18

Until I declare thy strength to this generation,

And thy power to every one that is to come.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, 19

Who hast done great things.

O God, who is like unto thee ?

Thou, who hast shewed me great and sore troubles, 20

Wilt make me live again ;

And wilt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Thou wilt increase my greatness, 21

And wilt comfort me on every side.

Yea, I will praise thee on the lute for thy truth, O my God ; 22

To thee will I sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

My lips greatly rejoice when I sing to thee ; 23

And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

My tongue also talketh all day of thy righteousness ; 24

For they are ashamed and confounded that seek my hurt.

LXXII.

[A Psalm] for Solomon.

Give to the king thy judgments, O God, 1

And thy righteousness unto the king's son.

He will judge thy people with righteousness, 2

And thy poor with judgment.

The mountains will bring peace to the people, 3

And the little hills, by righteousness.

He will judge the poor of the people, 4

He will save the children of the needy,

And will break in pieces the oppressor.

They will fear thee as long as the sun endureth, 5

And in sight of the moon for all generations.

He will come down like rain upon the mown grass ; 6

- As showers that besprinkle the earth.
- ⁷ In his days will the righteous man flourish,
And abundance of peace be till the moon be no more.
- ⁸ And he shall bear rule from Sea to Sea,
And from the River [Euphrates] to the ends of the land.
- ⁹ The people of the Desert shall bow before him ;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ Kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents ;
Kings of Sheba and Seba [or Nubia] shall offer gifts ;
- ¹¹ Yea, all the kings shall fall down before him ;
All the Nations shall serve him.
- ¹² For he will deliver the needy when he crieth ;
The poor also, and him that hath no helper.
- ¹³ He will have pity on the poor and needy,
And will save the souls of the needy.
- ¹⁴ He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence ;
And precious is their blood in his eyes.
- ¹⁵ And he shall live, and to him shall be given gold of Sheba ;
Prayer also shall be made for him continually ;
And daily shall he be blessed.
- ¹⁶ There will be abundance of corn in the land,
On the hill-tops its fruit will wave like Lebanon ;
And they of the city will flourish as the grass of the earth.
- ¹⁷ His name will endure for ever ;
His name will be continued as long as the sun ;
And men will bless themselves in it ;
All nations shall call him happy.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel,
Who doeth wondrous things, the Only One.
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious name for ever ;
And let his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen, and Amen.
- ²⁰ The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

LXXIII.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

- ¹ Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are clean of heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet were almost turned aside ;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
- ³ For I was envious at the boasters,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pains ; 4
And their strength is firm and fat.
They have not the troubles of men ; 5
Neither are they plagued like sons of Adam.
Therefore pride encompasseth them as a neck-chain ; 6
Violence covereth them as a robe.
Their eyes stand out with fatness ; 7
They have more than the imaginations of the heart.
They scoff, and speak wickedly ; 8
They oppress, and speak loftily.
They set their mouth against the heavens, 9
And their tongue walketh about on the earth.
(Therefore his people shall return hither ; 10
And abundant waters shall be wrung out to them.)
And they say, ‘ How doth God know ? 11
‘ And is there knowledge in the Most High ?’
Behold, these are the ungodly ; 12
They prosper for ever ; they increase in riches.
Verily in vain have I cleansed my heart, 13
And washed my hands in innocence.
For all the day long have I been plagued, 14
And am chastened every morning.
If I say, ‘ I will speak thus,’ 15
Lo, I should desert the generation of thy children.
If I wished to understand this, it is painful in mine eyes ; 16
Until I go into the Sanctuary of God ; 17
Then I shall understand their end.
Surely thou settest them in slippery places ; 18
Thou castest them down into destruction.
How are they in desolation, as in a moment ! 19
They are utterly consumed with death-terrors ;
As a dream when one awaketh, O Lord, 20
On arousing thyself thou wilt despise their image.
When my heart was soured, and I was vexed in my reins, 21
And I was foolish and ignorant, 22
I was as a beast before thee.
Nevertheless I am continually with thee ; 23
Thou hast holden me by the right hand.
Thou guidest me with thy counsel, 24
And afterwards wilt lead me to honour.
Whom have I in heaven but thee ? 25
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

- ¹⁶ My flesh and my heart fail ;
 But God is the Rock of my heart, and my portion for ever.
¹⁷ For, lo, they that are far from thee will perish ;
 Thou hast destroyed all them that go astray from thee.
¹⁸ But as for me, it is good for me to draw near to God ;
 I have put my trust in the Lord Jehovah,
 That I may declare all thy works.

LXXIV.

A Poem of [or for] Asaph.

- ¹ O God, why hast thou wholly cast us off?
 Thine anger smoketh against the sheep of thy pasture.
² Remember thy congregation, thou purchasedst it of old,
 The staff of thine inheritance, which thou redeemedst,
 This mount Zion, wherein thou didst dwell.
³ Lift up thy steps toward the thorough desolations,
 All the wickedness of the enemy in the Holy Place.
⁴ Thine enemies roar in thy Place of Meeting [or temple] ;
 They set up their ensigns for signs.
⁵ A man was famous for bringing to the hill-side
 Axes against the thick branches of the trees ;
⁶ But now the whole carved work thereof at once
 They break down with hatchets and hammers.
⁷ They have cast fire into thy Sanctuary,
 They have crushed the Tabernacle of thy name to the ground.
⁸ They said in their hearts, ' Let us destroy them at once.'
 They have burnt every synagogue of God in the land.
⁹ We see not our signs ; there is no more any prophet ;
 Neither doth any one among us know how long.
¹⁰ How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach ?
 Shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever ?
¹ Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand ?
 Pluck it out of thy bosom, and destroy.
² For God hath been my King of old,
 Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
³ Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength ;
 Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
⁴ Thou brakest the head of the crocodile in pieces,
 And gavest him for food to the people of the desert.
⁵ Thou didst cut open a fountain and there was a flood ;
 Thou didst dry up unfailing rivers.
⁶ The day is thine, the night also is thine ;

Thou didst prepare the light and the sun. 1
 Thou didst set all the boundaries of the earth ;
 Thou didst form summer and winter.

Remember what the enemy hath reproached, O Jehovah, 18
 And that a foolish people hath blasphemed thy name. 19
 Give not the soul of thy turtle-dove to wild beasts ;
 Forget not the life of thy poor for ever.
 Have regard to the covenant ; for they have filled 20
 The dark places of the land with habitations of cruelty.
 O let not the oppressed return ashamed ; 2
 Let the poor and needy praise thy name.
 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause ; 2
 Remember thy reproach from the foolish man daily.
 Forget not the voice of thine enemies ; 23
 The tumult of thy foes cometh up continually.

LXXV.

For the chief Musician, [for the tune of] ‘ *Destroy him
 not,*’ A Psalm or Song of [or for] Asaph.
 We give thanks unto thee, O God, we give thanks.
 That thy Name is near, thy wonders declare, [saying]
 ‘ When I take the Place of Meeting, I will judge aright ;
 ‘ When the earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved,
 ‘ I will establish the pillars of it.’ (A pause.)

I said unto the boasters, ‘ Boast not ;’
 And to the wicked, ‘ Lift not up the horn.’
 Lift not up your horn on high, speaking with a stiff neck ;
 For lifting up cometh not from the east,
 Nor from the west, nor from the [southern] Desert.
 But God is the judge ;
 He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
 For in the hand of Jehovah there is a cup,
 And the wine is strong ; it is full of mixture ;
 And he poureth out of the same ; yea, its dregs
 All the wicked of the earth shall drain out, and drink.
 But I will declare for ever ;
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob, [who saith],
 ‘ All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off ; 10
 ‘ But the horns of a righteous man shall be lifted up.’

LXXVI.

For the chief Musician on the Neginoth [or stringed
 instrument], A Psalm of [or for] Asaph ; a Song.
 In Judah God is known ; his name is great in Israel.

- ² In Salem also is his tabernacle,
 And his dwelling place on Zion.
³ There brake he the fiery arrows of the bow,
 The shield, and the sword, and the battle. (A pause.)
⁴ Thou art more glorious and excellent
 Than the mountains of the ravening [beasts].
⁵ The stout-hearted had become a booty,
 They were dozing in their sleep;
 And none of the men of might found their hands.
⁶ At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
 Both the rider and the horse were cast into a dead sleep.
⁷ Thou, even thou, art to be feared;
 And who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?
⁸ Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
 The earth feared, and was still,
⁹ When God arose to judgment,
 To save all the afflicted of the land. (A pause.)
¹⁰ Surely the wrath of man will bring thee praise;
 The remainder of wrath thou wilt restrain.
¹¹ Vow, and pay unto Jehovah your God;
 Let all around him bring gifts to him that is to be feared.
¹² He taketh away the breath of princes;
 He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

LXXVII.

For the chief Musician, even for Jeduthun, A Psalm
 of [or for] Asaph.

- ¹ My cry was unto God; and I cried aloud.
 My cry was unto God; and he gave ear to me.
² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
 At night my hand was stretched out, and was not tired;
 My soul refuseth to be comforted.
³ I remember God, and am troubled;
 I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. (A pause.)
⁴ Thou holdest the lids of mine eyes;
 I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
⁵ I consider the days of old, the years of ancient times;
⁶ I call to remembrance my song in the night;
 I meditate with my heart; and my spirit maketh search,
⁷ [Saying,] 'Will the Lord cast off for ever?
 'And will he be favourable no more?
⁸ 'Is his kindness wholly gone?
 'Doth his promise for all generations fail?

'Hath God forgotten to be gracious? 9
 'Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?' (A pause.)
 Then I said, 'This is my grief, 10
 'The change in the right hand of the Most High.'
 I will make mention of the works of Jah; 11
 Surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
 And I will meditate of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. 12
 Thy way, O God, is in holiness; 13
 What god is so great as our God!
 Thou art the God that doest wonders; 14
 Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.
 Thou didst with thine arm redeem thy people, 15
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph. (A pause.)
 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; 16
 They were afraid; the depths also were troubled.
 The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound; 17
 Thine arrows also went to and fro.
 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind; 18
 The flashes of lightning lightened the world;
 The earth trembled and shook.
 Thy way was on the sea, and thy path on the great waters, 19
 And thy footsteps were not known.
 Thou leddest thy people like a flock 20
 By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

LXXVIII.

A Poem of [or for] Asaph.
 Give ear, O my people, to my law; 1
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 I will open my mouth in a parable; 2
 I will utter the dark sayings of old,
 Which we have heard and known, 3
 And which our fathers have related to us.
 We will not hide them from their children, 4
 Who may relate to the generation to come
 The praises of Jehovah, and his strength,
 And his wonderful works that he hath done.
 For he set up a testimony in Jacob, and put a law in Israel, 5
 Which he charged our fathers to tell to their children;
 So that the generation to come might know them, 6
 That the children that should be born might arise,
 And might relate them to their children;
 That they might set their hope in God,

- And not forget God's works, but keep his commandments ;
8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation ;
A generation that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
9 The children of Ephraim, armed and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law ;
11 And they forgot his works,
And his wonders that he had shewed them.
12 Wonders did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan [or Tanis].
13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through ;
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.
14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave the rocks in the desert,
And gave them drink as out of the great depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 And they sinned yet more against him
By provoking the Most High in the wilderness.
18 And they tried God in their heart
By asking food for their desires.
19 Yea, they spake against God ; they said,
' Can God furnish a table in the desert ?
20 ' Behold, he smote the rock,
' That waters gushed out, and streams overflowed ;
' Can he also give bread, or provide flesh for his people ?'
21 Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth ;
So a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also came up against Israel ;
22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in his salvation ;
23 Though he had commanded the skies from above,
And had opened the doors of the heavens,
24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat,
And had given them of the corn of heaven.
25 Every man did eat the food of princes ;
He sent them flesh-meat to the full.
26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens ;

And then by his power he drove on the south wind.
He rained flesh also upon them as dust, 27
And feathered fowls as the sand of the ocean ;
And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, 28
Round about their habitations.

So they did eat, and were greatly filled ; 29
For he gave them their own desires ;
They were not estranged from their desires. 30
While their food was yet in their mouths,
The wrath of God came upon them, 31
And slew the fattest of them,
And bowed down the chosen men of Israel.
For all this they sinned still, 32
And believed not in his wondrous works.
Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, 33
And their years in trouble.

When he slew them, then they sought him ; 34
And they returned and inquired early after God.
And they remembered that God was their rock, 35
And the most high God their redeemer.
Nevertheless they flattered him with their mouth, 36
And they lied unto him with their tongues.
For their heart was not right with him, 37
Neither were they stedfast in his covenant.
But in pity he forgave the iniquity, and destroyed not ; 38
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
And he did not stir up all his wrath.
For he remembered that they were flesh, 39
A breath that passeth away, and cometh not again.
How often did they provoke him in the desert, 40
And grieve him in the wilderness !
Yea, they turned back and tried God, 41
And vexed the Holy One of Israel.
They remembered not his hand, 42
Nor the day when he redeemed them from the enemy ;
How he wrought his signs in Lower Egypt, 43
And his wonders in the field of Zoan ;
And turned their rivers into blood, 44
And their streams, that they could not drink.
He sent beetles among them, which devoured them ; 45
And frogs, which destroyed them.
He gave also their fruits to the great locust, 4

- And the produce of their labour to the caterpillar. .
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to the lightning.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels.
50 He levelled a path for his anger ;
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence ;
51 And he smote all the first-born in Lower Egypt,
The chief of their strength in the tents of Ham ;
52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the desert like a flock.
53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not ;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to the border of his Holy Place,
To this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.
55 He cast out the nations also before them,
And allotted them an inheritance by line,
And let the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tried and provoked the most high God,
And they kept not his testimonies ;
57 But turned back and transgressed like their fathers ;
They turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger by their High Places,
And moved him to jealousy by their graven images.
59 When God heard this, he was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Israel ;
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent in which he had dwelt among men ;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity,
And his glory into the hand of the oppressor.
62 He gave his people over also unto the sword ;
And he was wroth with his inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men ;
And their maidens had no wedding song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword ;
And their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,
Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder part ;

He put them to a perpetual reproach.

Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph, 6
 And chose not the tribe of Ephraim ;
 But chose the tribe of Judah, mount Zion which he loved. 6
 And he built his Sanctuary like a citadel, 6
 Like the earth which he hath established for ever.
 He chose David also his servant, 7
 And took him from the sheepfolds ;
 He brought him from following the suckling ewes, 7
 To feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
 So he fed them as in the honesty of his heart ; 7
 And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

LXXIX.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

O God, the Nations are come into thine inheritance ;
 Thy holy temple they have defiled ;
 They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given
 To be food to the fowls of the heavens,
 The flesh of thy saints to the wild beasts of the earth.
 Their blood have they shed like water around Jerusalem ;
 And there was none to bury them.
 We are become a reproach to our neighbours,
 A scorn and derision to the countries around us.

How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou be wholly angry ?
 Shall thy jealousy burn like fire ?
 Pour out thy wrath on the Nations that know thee not, 6
 And on the kingdoms that call not on thy name ;
 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling. 7

O remember not against us former iniquities ; 8
 Let thy tender mercies speedily come to meet us ;
 For we are brought very low.
 Help us, O God of our salvation, 9
 For the sake of the glory of thy name ;
 And deliver us, and pardon our sins, for thy name's sake.
 Why should the Nations say, ' Where is their God ? ' 10
 Let it be known among the Nations in our sight,
 That thou avengest thy servants' blood that is shed.
 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee ; 11
 As thine arm is great, save those that are doomed to die ;
 And render to our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom 12
 Their reproach, wherewith they reproached thee, O Lord.

- ¹³ For we are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture ;
 We will give thanks unto thee for ever ;
 We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

LXXX.

For the chief Musician upon the Lily instrument ;
 A poem of [or for] Asaph ; A Psalm.

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock ;
 Thou that dwellest between the cherubs, shine forth.
- ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh
 Stir up thy strength, and come for our salvation.
- ³ Bring us home again, O God, }
 And cause thy face to shine ; and we shall be saved. }
- ⁴ O Jehovah God of hosts, how long
 Wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people ?
- ⁵ Thou feedest them with the bread of tears ;
 And givest them tears to drink in great measure.
- ⁶ Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours ;
 And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ Bring us home again, O God of hosts, }
 And cause thy face to shine ; and we shall be saved. }
- ⁸ Thou didst bring a vine out of Egypt,
 Thou didst cast out the Nations, and planted it.
- ⁹ Thou preparedst room before it,
 And it took deep root, and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The hills were covered with the shadow of it,
 And its boughs were like the cedars of God.
- ¹¹ It sent out its branches unto the [Great] sea,
 And its suckers unto the river [Euphrates].
- ¹² Why hast thou then broken down its hedges,
 So that all they that pass by the way do pluck from it ?
- ¹³ The boar out of the forest doth waste it,
 And the wild beast on the field doth feed on it.
- ¹⁴ Return we beseech thee, O God of hosts ;
 Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
- ¹⁵ And protect what thy right hand hath planted,
 And the son [or branch] that thou didst fix on for thyself.
- ¹⁶ It is burned with fire, it is cut down ;
 May they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- ¹⁷ Let thy hand be on the man of thy right hand,
 On the son of Adam whom thou didst fix on for thyself.

So will not we go back from thee ; 18
 Revive us, and we will call upon thy name.
 Bring us home again, O Jehovah God of hosts, } 19
 Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. }

LXXXI.

For the chief Musician upon the Guitar, [A Psalm] of
 [or for] Asaph.

Sing aloud unto God our strength ; 1
 Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
 Raise the song and bring hither the timbrel, 2
 The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, 3
 At the full moon, on the day of our Feast.
 For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob. 4
 The testimony was in his name Jeho-seph, 5
 When he went out through the land of Egypt, [saying,]
 ‘ I shall hear a language that I understand not.’
 ‘ I [Jehovah] removed his shoulder from the burden ; 6
 ‘ His hands were delivered from the basket.
 ‘ Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee ; 7
 ‘ I answered thee in the secret place of thunder ;
 ‘ I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. (A pause.)
 ‘ Hear, O my people, and I will testify to thee ; 8
 ‘ O Israel, if thou wilt hearken to me.
 ‘ There shall no strange god be in thee ; 9
 ‘ Neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.
 ‘ I am Jehovah thy God, 10
 ‘ Who brought thee out of the land of Lower Egypt ;
 ‘ [Saying,] Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
 ‘ But my people did not hearken to my voice ; 11
 ‘ And Israel did not desire me.
 ‘ So I gave them up to the stubbornness of their hearts ; 12
 ‘ And they walked in their own counsels.
 ‘ Oh that my people hearkened to me, 13
 ‘ And Israel would walk in my ways !
 ‘ I would soon subdue their enemies, 14
 ‘ And turn my hand against their oppressors.
 ‘ The haters of Jehovah would fawn before him ; 15
 ‘ And their [Israel’s] time would endure for ever.
 ‘ He would feed them also with the best of the wheat, 16
 ‘ And with honey out of the rock would I satisfy thee.’

LXXXII.

A Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

- ¹ God standeth in the great congregation ;
He judgeth among the gods, [saying,]
- ² ‘How long will ye judge unjustly,
‘And regard the persons of the wicked ? (A pause.)
- ³ ‘Plead ye for the poor and the fatherless ;
‘Do justice to the afflicted and needy.
- ⁴ ‘Deliver the poor and needy ;
‘Save them out of the hand of the wicked.’
- ⁵ They know not, nor understand ; they walk in darkness ;
All the foundations of the earth are disturbed.
- ⁶ I have said, ‘Ye are gods ;
‘And all of you are sons of the Most High.’
- ⁷ But ye shall die like men, and fall as one of the princes.
- ⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth ;
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

LXXXIII.

A Song or Psalm of [or for] Asaph.

- ¹ Keep not thou silence, O God ;
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
- ² For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult ;
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
- ³ They have plotted counsel against thy people,
- ⁴ And consulted against thy treasured ones. They said,
‘Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation ;
‘That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.’
- ⁵ For they consulted together with one mind ;
They have made a treaty against thee ;
- ⁶ The tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites ;
The Moabites, and the Hagarenes ;
- ⁷ Gebal, and the Ammonites, and the Amalekites ;
Philistia, with the inhabitants of Tyre ;
- ⁸ Assyria also is joined with them ;
They have been a help to the children of Lot. (A pause.)
- ⁹ Do unto them as unto the Midianites ;
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kishon ;
- ¹⁰ Who perished at Ain-dor ; who became dung for the earth.
- ¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb ;
Yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna ;

Who said, 'Let us take possession of the dwelling of God.' 12
 O my God, make them like thistledown ; 13
 As chaff before the wind.
 As the fire burneth the forest, 14
 And as the flame setteth the mountains on fire ;
 So pursue them with thy tempest, 15
 And make them afraid with thy storm.
 Fill their faces with shame ; 16
 That they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.
 Let them be confounded and be afraid for ever ; 17
 Yea, let them be put to shame, and perish ;
 And let them know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, 18
 Art alone the Most High over all the earth.

LXXXIV.

For the chief Musician upon the Guitar, A Psalm for
 the sons of Korah.

How lovely is thy tabernacle, O Jehovah of hosts ! 1
 My soul longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of Jehovah ; 2
 My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.
 Yea, the sparrow hath found for herself a house, 3
 And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
 Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts, my king and my God.
 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house ; 4
 They are ever praising thee. (A pause.)
 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ; 5
 In whose heart are the highways [to Zion].
 On passing through the valley of Baca [or Tears], they 6
 make it a spring :
 Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.
 They go from strength to strength, 7
 Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.
 O Jehovah, God of hosts, hear my prayer ; 8
 Give ear, O God of Jacob. (A pause.)
 Behold, O God our shield, 9
 And look upon the face of thine anointed.
 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. 10
 I had rather wait at the threshold of the House of my God,
 Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield ; 11
 Jehovah giveth grace and glory ;
 He withholdeth no good from them that walk uprightly.
 O Jehovah of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. 12

LXXXV.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- ¹ O Jehovah, thou wast favourable unto thy land ;
Thou didst bring back home the captivity of Jacob.
- ² Thou didst forgive the iniquity of thy people,
Thou didst cover all their sin. (A pause.)
- ³ Thou didst take away all thy wrath ;
Thou didst turn thine anger from its fierceness.
- ⁴ Turn to us, O God of our salvation,
And cause thine anger toward us to cease.
- ⁵ Wilt thou be angry with us for ever ?
Wilt thou draw on thine anger to all generations ?
- ⁶ Wilt thou not revive us again,
That thy people may rejoice in thee ?
- ⁷ Shew us thy mercy, O Jehovah, and grant us thy salvation.
- ⁸ I will hear what the God Jehovah will speak ;
For he speaketh peace to his people, and to his holy ones ;
But let them not turn again to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is nigh to them that fear him ;
That glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Kindness and truth are met together ;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Truth will spring out of the earth ;
And righteousness will look down from heaven.
- ¹² Yea, Jehovah will give that which is good ;
And our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
And will set his steps in the way.

LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David.

- ¹ Bow down thine ear, O Jehovah ;
Answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- ² Preserve my soul, for I am holy ;
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
- ³ Be merciful to me, O Lord ; for I cry unto thee daily.
- ⁴ Rejoice the soul of thy servant ;
For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive ;
And plenteous in kindness to all that call upon thee.
- ⁶ Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer ;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.
- ⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee ;

For thou wilt answer me.

Among gods there is none like to thee, O Lord ; 8

Neither are there any works like thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made will come, 9

And will worship before thee, O Lord ;

And will glorify thy name, for thou art great ; 10

And thou doest wondrous things ; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Jehovah ; I will walk in thy truth ; 11
Unite my whole heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart ; 12

And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy kindness toward me ; 13

And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen up against me, 14

And assemblies of violent men seek after my soul :

And they have not set thee before them.

But thou, O Lord, art a God of compassion, and gracious, 15

Slow to anger, and plenteous in kindness and truth.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me ; 16

Give thy strength unto thy servant,

And save the son of thy handmaid.

Shew unto me a token for good ; 17

That they that hate me may see it, and be ashamed,

When thou, Jehovah, hast helped me, and comforted me.

LXXXVII.

A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.

Its foundation is on the holy mountains ; 1

Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion 2

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (A pause.) 3

I will allow mention of the Boaster [or Egypt] ; 4

And of Babylon, to those that know me ;

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia ;

[They may say], ' This man was born there.'

But of Zion it will be said, 5

' This and that man was born in her ;

' And the Most High himself will establish her.'

Jehovah will count, when he writeth up the peoples, 6

' This man was born there.' (A pause.)

And for the singers as for the musicians 7

All my well-springs [of song] are in thee.

LXXXVIII.

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah, for the chief Musician upon the Lute, with answers, A Poem of Heman the Ezrahite.

- ¹ O Jehovah, the God of my salvation,
I have cried by day, and by night I am before thee ;
- ² Let my prayer come into thy presence ;
Incline thine ear unto my cry ;
- ³ For my soul is full of troubles ;
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
- ⁴ I am counted with them that are gone down into the pit.
I am as a man that hath no strength,
- ⁵ My couch is among the dead, like the slain ;
Who lie in the tomb, whom thou rememberest no more ;
And they are cut off from thy hand.
- ⁶ Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the deeps.
- ⁷ Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou afflictest me with all thy waves. (A pause.)
- ⁸ Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me ;
Thou hast made me an abomination to them ;
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
- ⁹ Mine eye melteth by reason of affliction ;
O Jehovah, I call daily upon thee,
I spread out my hands unto thee.
- ¹⁰ Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead ?
Will the departed spirits arise to praise thee ? (A pause.)
- ¹¹ Will thy kindness be declared in the tomb ?
Or thy faithfulness in the pit of destruction ?
- ¹² Will thy wonders be known in the dark ?
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness ?
- ¹³ But as for me, unto thee do I cry, O Jehovah ;
And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.
- ¹⁴ Why, O Jehovah, castest thou off my soul ?
Why hidest thou thy face from me ?
- ¹⁵ I have been afflicted and perishing from my youth up ;
I suffer the terrors of thee ; I am distracted.
- ¹⁶ Thy wrath goeth over me ; thy terrors have cut me off.
- ¹⁷ They came round about me daily like water ;
They have encompassed me together.
- ¹⁸ Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance have hidden themselves.

LXXXIX.

A Poem of Ethan the Ezrahite.

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| I will sing of the kindness of Jehovah for ever ; | 1 |
| With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness | |
| To generations and generations, | |
| For I have said, ' Kindness is built up for ever.' | 2 |
| Thy truth thou establishest in the heavens, [saying,] | |
| ' I have made a covenant with my chosen one, | 3 |
| ' I have sworn unto David my servant, | |
| ' Thy seed will I establish for ever, | 4 |
| ' And build up thy throne to all generations.' (A pause.) | |
| And the heavens do praise thy wonders, O Jehovah ; | 5 |
| Thy truth also in the assembly of the Holy Ones. | |
| For who in the skies can be compared to Jehovah ? | 6 |
| Who of the sons of the gods can be likened to Jehovah ? | |
| God is very terrible in the council of the Holy Ones, | 7 |
| And to be had in reverence by all that are about him. | |
| O Jehovah God of hosts, who is like unto thee ? | 8 |
| Strong art thou, O Jah, and thy truth is round about thee. | |
| Thou rulest the pride of the sea ; | 9 |
| When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them, | |
| Thou hast broken the Boaster, [or Egypt,] as one slain ; | 10 |
| Thou scatterest thine enemies with thy strong arm. | |
| The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine ; | 11 |
| The world and its fulness, thou didst found them. | |
| The north and the south, thou didst create them ; | 12 |
| Tabor and Hermon sing aloud in thy name. | |
| Thou hast an arm of might ; | 13 |
| Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. | |
| Justice and right are the foundation of thy throne ; | 14 |
| Kindness and truth go before thy face. | |
| Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound ; | 15 |
| They walk, O Jehovah, in the light of thy countenance. | |
| In thy name they rejoice all the day ; | 16 |
| And in thy righteousness will they be exalted. | |
| For thou art the glory of their strength ; | 17 |
| And in thy favour our horn will be exalted. | |
| For unto Jehovah belongeth our shield, | 18 |
| And our king unto the Holy One of Israel. | |
| Then thou spakest in vision to thy godly one, | 19 |
| And thou saidst, ' I have bestowed help on a mighty one ; | |
| ' I have exalted one chosen out of the people. | |

- 20 ' I have found David my servant ;
' With my holy oil have I anointed him ;
21 ' With him my hand shall be established ;
' Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 ' The enemy shall not seize from him ;
' The son of wickedness shall not afflict him.
23 ' And I will crush his foes before his face,
' And I will strike down them that hate him.
24 ' But my faithfulness and my kindness shall be with him ;
' And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 ' I will set his hand also on the [Great] sea,
' And his right hand on the river [Euphrates].
26 ' He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father,
' My God, and the rock of my salvation.
27 ' Also I will make him my firstborn,
' Higher than the kings of the earth.
28 ' My kindness will I keep for him for evermore,
' And my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 ' His seed also will I make to endure for ever,
' And his throne as the days of the heavens.
30 ' If his sons forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments,
1 ' If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments ;
2 ' Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
' And their iniquity with stripes.
3 ' Yet my kindness will I not utterly take from him,
' Nor will I be false in my promise.
4 ' My covenant will I not break,
' Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
5 ' Once have I sworn by my holiness
' That I will not be false unto David.
6 ' His seed shall endure for ever,
' And his throne as the sun before me.
7 ' It shall be established for ever as the moon,
' And the faithful witness [or rainbow] in the sky.' (A
pause.)
8 But thou hast cast off and abhorrest,
Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed one.
9 Thou hast set aside the covenant made with thy servant ;
Thou hast profaned his crown to the ground.
10 Thou hast broken down all his fences ;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

All that pass by the way plunder him ; 4
 He is the reproach of his neighbours.
 Thou hast set up the right hand of his oppressors ; 4:
 Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, 4:
 And hast not made him to stand up in the battle.
 Thou hast made his brightness to cease, 4:
 And hast cast his throne down to the ground.
 The days of his youth hast thou shortened ; 4.
 Thou hast covered him with shame. (A pause.)
 How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou wholly hide thyself ? 4
 Thy wrath doth burn like fire.
 Remember how short my lifetime is. 4:
 Why hast thou created all the sons of Adam in vain ?
 What man that liveth shall not see death ? 4:
 Can he save his soul from the hand of the grave ? (A pause.)
 Lord, where are thy former kindnesses, 4:
 Which thou swarest unto David in thy truth ?
 Remember, Lord, the reproach against thy servants, 5:
 Which I bear in my bosom, from all the mighty peoples ;
 Wherewith thine enemies reproach, O Jehovah, 5
 Wherewith they reproach the heels of thine anointed one.
 Blessed be Jehovah for ever. Amen, and Amen. 5

 XC.

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.
 Lord, thou hast been our refuge in all generations.
 Before the mountains were brought forth, 4
 Or thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
 Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
 Thou turnest man to destruction ; 4
 And sayest, 'Return, ye children of Adam.'
 For a thousand years in thine eyes 4
 Are as yesterday when it is past, or a watch in the night.
 Thou sendest showers on them when they are asleep ; 5
 In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ; 6
 In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
 For we are consumed by thine anger, 7
 And by thy wrath are we made to tremble.
 Thou settest our iniquities before thee, 8
 Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

- ⁹ For all our days pass away in thy wrath ;
 We spend our years as a tale that is told.
¹⁰ The days of our years are threescore years and ten ;
 And if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
 Yet is their pride labour and sorrow ;
 For it is soon carried off, and we fly away.
¹¹ Who knoweth the power of thine anger ?
 And as thy wrath, so should be the fear of thee.
¹² So teach us to number our days,
 That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
¹³ Return, O Jehovah, how long ?
 And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
¹⁴ O satisfy us in the morning with thy kindness ;
 That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
¹⁵ Gladden us according to the days that thou hast afflicted us,
 And the years wherein we have seen evil.
¹⁶ Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
 And thy glory unto their children.
 * And let the beauty of Jehovah our God be upon us ;
 And establish thou the work of our hands on us ;
 Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

XCL.

- ¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
 Lodgeth under the shadow of the Almighty.
² He saith of Jehovah, ' He is my refuge and my fortress ;
 ' My God ; in him will I trust.'
³ Surely he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
 And from the noisome pestilence.
⁴ He will cover thee with his feathers,
 And under his wings mayest thou trust ;
 His truth will be thy shield and buckler.
⁵ Thou wilt not be afraid for the terror by night ;
 Nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;
⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness ;
 Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
⁷ A thousand may fall at thy side,
 And ten thousand at thy right hand ;
 But it shall not come nigh thee.
⁸ Only with thine eyes wilt thou behold it ;
 And thou shalt see the reward of the wicked.
 (Truly thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge ;
 Thou makest thy habitation on high.)

There shall no evil befall thee, 1
 Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.
 For he will give his angels charge over thee, 1
 To keep thee in all thy ways.
 They will bear thee up in their hands, 1
 Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
 Thou shalt tread upon the roaring lion and adder ; 1
 The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample on.
 ' Because he cleaveth to me, I will deliver him ; 1
 ' I will defend him, because he hath known my Name.
 ' Let him call to me, and I will answer him ; I am with 1
 him ;
 ' In trouble I will deliver him, and will honour him.
 ' With length of days will I satisfy him, 1
 ' And shew him my salvation.'

XCII.

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.
 It is good to give thanks unto Jehovah,
 And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High ;
 To shew forth thy kindness in the morning, :
 And thy faithfulness every night,
 On an instrument of ten strings, and on the psaltery, :
 Upon the harp with a solemn sound.
 For thou, O Jehovah, hast made me glad by thy deeds ; '
 I will sing aloud for the works of thy hands.
 O Jehovah, how great are thy works ! '
 Thy thoughts are very deep.
 A brutish man knoweth not, '
 Neither doth a fool understand this.
 When the wicked spring up as the grass, :
 And when all the workers of iniquity flourish ;
 It is that they may be destroyed for ever and ever.
 But thou, Jehovah, art on high for ever. '
 For, behold, thine enemies, O Jehovah, '
 For, behold, thine enemies will perish ;
 All the workers of iniquity will be scattered.
 But my horn wilt thou exalt like that of a buffalo ; 10
 I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
 Mine eye also will look down on mine enemies, 11
 Mine ears will hear of the wicked that rise up against me.
 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree ; 12
 He will increase like a cedar in Lebanon.

- ¹³ Those that are planted in the House of Jehovah
Will flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ They will yet bring forth fruit in old age ;
They will be fat and flourishing ;
¹⁵ To shew that Jehovah is upright.
He is my rock, and no unrighteousness is in him.

XCIII.

- ¹ Jehovah reigneth, he is clothed with majesty ;
Jehovah is clothed with strength, he girdeth himself ;
The world also is established, that it cannot be shaken.
² Thy throne was established of old ;
Thou art from everlasting.
³ The floods have lifted up, O Jehovah,
The floods have lifted up their voice ;
The floods lift up their waves.
⁴ Mightier than the noise of many waters,
Higher than the mighty waves of the sea, is Jehovah.
⁵ Thy testimonies are very sure ;
Holiness adorneth thy House, O Jehovah, for ever.

XCIV.

- ¹ God of vengeance, Jehovah, God of vengeance, shine
forth.
² Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth ;
Render back a reward to the proud.
³ How long shall the wicked, O Jehovah,
How long shall the wicked triumph ?
⁴ They utter and speak arrogant things ;
All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
⁵ They crush thy people, O Jehovah,
And afflict thy heritage.
⁶ They slay the widow and the stranger,
And they murder the fatherless.
⁷ Yet they say, 'Jah will not see,
'Neither will the God of Jacob regard it.'
⁸ Understand, ye brutish among the people ;
And ye fools, when will ye be wise ?
⁹ He that planted the ear, can he not hear ?
Or he that formed the eye, can he not see ?
¹⁰ He that chastiseth the Nations, cannot he correct ?
He that teacheth man knowledge, Jehovah,
¹¹ He knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.
¹² Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Jah,

And teachest him out of thy law ;
 To give him rest from the days of adversity, 1
 Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
 For Jehovah will not cast off his people, 1
 Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
 But judgment shall return unto righteousness ; 1
 And all the upright in heart shall follow it.

Who will rise up for me against the evil doers ? 1
 Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity ? 1
 Unless Jehovah shall be my help,
 My soul will quickly dwell in silence.
 When I say, 'My foot slippeth ;'
 Thy kindness, O Jehovah, holdeth me up.
 In the multitude of my thoughts within me, 1
 Thy consolations delight my soul.
 Shall a wicked throne have fellowship with thee, 1
 Which frameth mischief against the Law ?
 They rush against the life of the righteous man, 1
 And they condemn the innocent blood.
 But Jehovah is my stronghold ;
 And my God is the rock of my refuge.
 And he will bring upon them their own iniquity, 1
 And will cut them off in their own wickedness ;
 Jehovah our God will cut them off.

XCV.

O come, let us sing unto Jehovah ;
 Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
 And make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
 For Jehovah is a great God, and a great king over all gods.
 In his hand are the deep places of the earth ;
 The strength of the hills is his also.
 The sea is his, and he made it ;
 And his hands formed the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and bow down ;
 Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker.
 For he is our God ; and we are the people of his pasture,
 And the sheep of his hand.

This very day if ye would hear his voice, [saying,]
 'Harden not your heart, as in the Strife [or at Meribah],
 'As in the day of Trying [or at Massah] in the desert ;
 'When your fathers tried me, proved me, and saw my work.

- ¹⁰ 'Forty years long was I wearied with this generation,
'And I said, It is a people that err in their heart,
'And they have not known my ways ;
¹¹ 'Unto whom I swear in my wrath
'That they should not enter into my resting place.'

XCVI.

- ¹ O sing ye unto Jehovah a new song ;
Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.
² Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name ;
Spread the tidings of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the Nations,
His wonders among all the peoples.
⁴ For Jehovah is great, and greatly to be praised ;
He is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols ;
But Jehovah made the heavens.
⁶ Honour and majesty are in his presence ;
Strength and beauty are in his Sanctuary.
⁷ Give unto Jehovah, O ye families of the peoples,
Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.
⁸ Give unto Jehovah the glory due to his name ;
Bring a meal offering, and come into his courts.
⁹ O worship Jehovah in robes of holiness ;
Tremble before him, all the earth.
¹⁰ Say among the Nations that Jehovah reigneth ;
Yea, the world is established so as not to be shaken.
He will judge the peoples righteously.
¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad ;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein ;
Then will all the trees of the forest sing before Jehovah ;
¹³ For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth ;
He will judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with his truth.

XCVII.

- ¹ Jehovah reigneth ; let the earth rejoice ;
Let the multitude of the isles be glad.
² Clouds and darkness are round about him ;
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne.
³ A fire goeth before him,
And it burneth up his enemies around.
⁴ His lightnings flash upon the world ;

The earth seeth, and trembleth.
 The hills melt like wax at the presence of Jehovah,
 At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 The heavens declare his righteousness,
 And all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all that serve graven images,
 That boast of idols ; worship him, all ye gods.
 Zion heard, and was glad ;
 And the daughters of Judah rejoiced
 Because of thy judgments, O Jehovah,
 For thou, Jehovah, art high above all the earth ;
 Thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love Jehovah, hate evil ;
 He preserveth the souls of his godly ones ;
 He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
 Light is sown for the righteous ;
 And gladness for the upright in heart.
 Rejoice in Jehovah, ye righteous ;
 And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

XCVIII.

A Psalm.

O sing unto Jehovah a new song ;
 For he hath done marvellous things ;
 His right hand, and his holy arm, have got him victory.
 Jehovah hath made known his salvation ;
 He shewed his righteousness in sight of the Nations,
 He remembered his kindness and truth for the house of
 Israel ;
 All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God
 Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth ;
 Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
 Sing praise unto Jehovah with the harp ;
 With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
 With trumpets and sound of cornet
 Make a joyful noise before Jehovah, the King.
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof,
 The world, and they that dwell therein.
 Let the rivers clap their hands ;
 Let the mountains be joyful together before Jehovah ;
 For he cometh to judge the earth.
 With righteousness will he judge the world,
 And the peoples with equity.

XCIX.

- ¹ Jehovah reigneth ; let the peoples tremble ;
 He sitteth between the cherubs ; let the earth be moved.
- ² Jehovah is great in Zion ;
 And he is high above all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise thy great and terrible Name ;
 For it is holy and strong.
- ⁴ Thou art a king loving justice and establishing right ;
 Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Exalt ye Jehovah our God,
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 And Samuel among them that call upon his name ;
 They called upon Jehovah, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud ;
 They kept his testimonies, and the statute given to them.
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 Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
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A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- ¹ Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands.
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 He made us and not we ourselves ;
 We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
 And into his courts with praise ;
 Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
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 And his truth to generations and generations.

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A Psalm of David.

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- ³ I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes ;

I hate the work of sinners ; it shall not cleave to me.
 A froward heart shall depart from me ;
 I will not know a wicked person.

‘ Him that privily slandereth his friend will I cut off ;
 ‘ A man of high look or proud heart will not I suffer.
 ‘ Mine eyes are on the faithful of the land,
 ‘ That they may dwell with me ;
 ‘ He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
 ‘ He that worketh deceit shall not dwell in my house ;
 ‘ He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
 ‘ I will destroy all the wicked of the land every morning,
 ‘ That I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of Jehovah.’

CII.

A Prayer for the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed,
 and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah.
 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and let my cry come to thee.
 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my trouble ;
 Incline thine ear to me in the day when I call ;
 Answer me speedily.
 For my days are consumed like smoke,
 And my bones are burned as a firebrand.
 My heart is smitten down like grass, and withered ;
 For I forget to eat my bread,
 By reason of the voice of my groaning.
 My bones cleave to my skin.
 I am like a pelican of the desert ;
 I am become like an owl of the waste places.
 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone on the house top.
 Mine enemies reproach me all the day ;
 They that are mad against me are sworn against me.
 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
 And have mingled my drink with weeping,
 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath.
 For thou didst lift me up, and now castest me down.
 My days are like a lengthened shadow ;
 And I am withered like grass.
 But thou, O Jehovah, wilt endure for ever ?
 And thy remembrance unto all generations.
 Thou wilt arise, and have pity upon Zion ;
 For the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.
 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
 They look with favour even on the dust thereof.

- 15 Then will the Nations fear the name of Jehovah,
 And all the kings of the earth thy glory.
 16 When Jehovah buildeth up Zion, appearing in his glory,
 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
 And he will not despise their prayer.
 18 This is written for the generation to come ;
 That the people to be created may praise Jah.
 19 For he looked down from his holy height ;
 From Heaven did Jehovah behold the earth ;
 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner ;
 To loose those that are doomed to die ;
 21 That they may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion,
 And his praise in Jerusalem ;
 22 When the peoples are gathered together,
 And the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.
 23 He hath weakened my strength on the journey ;
 24 He hath shortened my days. I said,
 ‘ O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days ;
 ‘ Thy years are throughout generations and generations.
 25 ‘ Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth ;
 ‘ And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
 26 ‘ They will perish, but thou wilt endure ;
 ‘ Yea, all of them will wear out like a garment ;
 ‘ As a vesture thou changest them, and they are changed ;
 27 ‘ But thou art he, and thy years will have no end.
 28 ‘ May the children of thy servants dwell,
 ‘ And their seed be established, in thy presence.’

CIII.

[A Psalm] of David.

- 1 Bless Jehovah, O my soul ;
 And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
 2 Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
 3 He forgiveth all thine iniquities ; he healeth all thy diseases ;
 4 He redeemeth thy life from destruction ;
 He crowneth thee with kindness and mercies ;
 5 He satisfieth thine old age with good things ;
 So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
 6 Jehovah executeth righteousness
 And judgment for all that are oppressed.
 7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
 His deeds unto the children of Israel.
 8 Jehovah is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger, and plenteous in kindness. 9
 He will not always chide, nor keep his anger for ever. 10
 He hath not dealt with us after our sins ;
 Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11
 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 So great is his kindness toward them that fear him. 12
 As far as the east is from the west,
 So far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13
 Like as a father pitieth his children,
 So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him. 14
 For he knoweth our frame ;
 He remembereth that we are dust. 15
 As for man, his days are as grass ;
 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16
 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;
 And the place thereof knoweth it no more. 17
 But the kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting,
 And to everlasting upon them that fear him,
 And his righteousness unto children's children ; 18
 To such as keep his covenant,
 And remember his precepts to do them. 19
 Jehovah hath prepared his throne in the heavens ;
 And his kingdom ruleth over all. 20
 Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, mighty in strength,
 Doing his commands, hearkening to the voice of his word. 21
 Bless ye Jehovah, all ye his hosts ;
 Ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. 22
 Bless Jehovah, all his works, in all places of his dominion ;
 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

CIV.

Bless Jehovah, O my soul. 1
 O Jehovah my God, thou art very great ;
 Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 He covereth himself with light as with a cloak ; 2
 He stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain ;
 He resteth the beams of his high chambers on the waters ; 3
 He maketh the clouds his chariot ;
 He goeth upon the wings of the wind ;
 He maketh the winds his messengers ; 4
 The flames of fire his servants ;
 He established the earth on its foundations, 5

- That it should not be shaken for ever and ever.
- 6 Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment ;
The waters stood above the mountains.
- 7 At thy rebuke they fled ;
At the voice of thy thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They rise over the hills, they go down into the valleys,
Unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
- 9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over ;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
- 10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys ;
They run between the mountains.
- 11 They give drink to every wild beast of the field ;
The wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Over them dwell the fowls of the heavens,
Which put forth their songs among the branches.
- 13 He watereth the mountains from his high chambers ;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
- 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man,
To bring forth bread out of the earth ;
- 15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread which strengtheneth man's heart.
- 16 The trees of Jehovah are satisfied ;
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ;
- 17 Where the birds make their nests.
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
- 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats ;
And the rocks are a refuge for the conies.
- 19 He appointed the moon for seasons ;
The sun knoweth its going down.
- 20 Thou makest the darkness, and it is night ;
Wherein all the wild beasts of the forest do creep forth.
- 21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And when seeking their food from God.
- 22 The sun ariseth, they withdraw themselves,
And they lay themselves down in their dens.
- 23 Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labour until the evening.
- 24 O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works !
In wisdom hast thou made them all ;
The earth is full of thy riches.

So is this sea, great and wide in its shores, 25
 Wherein are things creeping without number,
 Living creatures both small and great.
 There go the ships ; there is that crocodile, 26
 Whom thou hast formed to play therein.
 These wait all upon thee ; 27
 That thou mayest give them their food in due season.
 What thou givest them they gather ; 28
 Thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.
 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled ; 29
 Thou takest away their breath, they die,
 And they return to their dust.
 Thou sendest forth thy breath, they are created ; 30
 And thou renewest the face of the earth.
 The glory of Jehovah will endure for ever ; 31
 Jehovah rejoiceth in his works.
 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ; 32
 He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
 I will sing unto Jehovah as long as I live ; 33
 I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
 May my meditation be pleasant unto him ; 34
 I will be glad in Jehovah.
 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, 35
 And let the wicked be no more.
 Bless thou Jehovah, O my soul.
 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CV.

O give thanks unto Jehovah ; call upon his name ; 1
 Make known his deeds among the peoples.
 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him ; 2
 Meditate ye on all his wondrous works.
 Glory ye in his holy name ; 3
 Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah ;
 Inquire for Jehovah, and his strength ; 4
 Seek his face continually.
 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done ; 5
 His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth ;
 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, 6
 Ye children of Jacob his chosen one.
 He is Jehovah our God ; his judgments are in all the earth. 7
 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, 8

- The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
9 That he covenanted with Abraham,
And his oath unto Isaac.
10 And he confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
Unto Israel for an everlasting covenant ;
11 Saying, 'Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
'For the lines of your inheritance.'
12 When they were but a few men in number,
Yea, very few, and strangers in it ;
13 When they went about from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another people ;
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong ;
Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes, [saying,]
15 'Touch not mine anointed ones, and hurt not my prophets.'
16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land ;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold for a bond-servant ;
18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters ; he was laid in iron ;
19 Until the time that his word came.
The word of Jehovah purified him ;
20 The king sent and loosed him ;
Even the ruler of the peoples, and let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his possessions ;
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure ;
And to teach his aged men wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Lower Egypt ;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly ;
And made them stronger than their oppressors ;
25 He turned their heart to hate his people,
To deal subtilly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant,
And Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They showed the doings of his signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark ;
And they rebelled not against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs in their kings' chambers.
31 He spake, and beetles came, gnats in all their boundaries.

He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land. ³²
 He smote their vines also and their fig trees ; ³³
 And brake the trees within their boundaries.
 He spake, and the caterpillars came, ³⁴
 And locusts, and that without number ;
 And they did eat up all the herbs in their land, ³⁵
 And they did eat up the fruit of their ground.
 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, ³⁶
 The chief of all their strength.
 Then he brought them [Israel] forth with silver and gold ; ³⁷
 And there was not one feeble one among their tribes.
 Egypt was glad when they departed ; ³⁸
 For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

He spread a cloud for a covering, ³⁹
 And a fire to give light by night.
 They asked, and he brought quails, ⁴⁰
 And he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out, ⁴¹
 Which ran in the dry places like a river.
 For he remembered his holy word, and Abraham his servant. ⁴²
 And he brought forth his people with joy, ⁴³
 His chosen ones with singing ;
 And gave them the lands of the Nations. ⁴⁴
 And they took possession of the labour of the peoples ;
 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. ⁴⁵

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CVI.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah], ¹
 O give thanks unto Jehovah, for he is good,
 For his kindness endureth for ever.
 Who can utter the mighty acts of Jehovah ? ²
 Who can shew forth all his praise ?
 Blessed are they that keep judgment, ³
 And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
 Remember me, O Jehovah, with favour for thy people ; ⁴
 O visit me with thy salvation ;
 That I may see the good of thy chosen ones, ⁵
 That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
 That I may glory with thine inheritance.
 We have sinned as did our fathers, ⁶
 We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

- ⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt ;
They remembered not the greatness of thy kindness ;
But they rebelled at the sea, at the Red sea. [Ex. xiv. 11.]
- ⁸ Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
That he might make known his power.
- ⁹ He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up ;
So he led them through the depths, as through the
desert.
- ¹⁰ And he saved them from the hand of him that hated,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- ¹¹ And the waters covered their foes ;
Not one of them was left. [Exod. xiv. 28.]
- ¹² Then believed they his words ; they sang his praise. [xv.]
- ¹³ But they soon forgot his works ;
They waited not for his counsel ;
- ¹⁴ And they longed exceedingly in the desert, [Ex. xvi. 3.]
And tried God in the Wilderness. [Ex. xvii. 7.]
- ¹⁵ And he gave them their request ;
But sent leanness into their soul.
- ¹⁶ Then they were jealous of Moses in the camp,
And of Aaron the holy one of Jehovah.
- ¹⁷ The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And it covered over the company of Abiram.
- ¹⁸ And a fire was kindled against their company ;
The flame burned up the wicked. [Numb. xvi.]
- ¹⁹ They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshipped the molten image. [Exod. xxxii. 4.]
- ²⁰ Thus they changed their Glory [or God]
For the image of an ox that eateth grass.
- ²¹ They forgot the God that saved them,
Who had done great things in Lower Egypt,
- ²² Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red sea.
- ²³ Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
To turn away his wrath from destroying. [Ex. xxxii. 11.]
- ²⁴ Then they despised the Pleasant Land,
They believed not his word ; [Num. xiv. 2.]
- ²⁵ But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah.
- ²⁶ Then he lifted up his hand [in oath] against them,
That he would overthrow them in the desert, [Num. xiv. 33.]

And overthrow their seed among the Nations, 27
And scatter them in the lands.

They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, 28
And ate the sacrifices set out for the dead. [Num. xxv. 3.]
Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings ; 29
And the plague brake in upon them.
Then stood up Phinehas, and appeased him ; 30
And so the plague was stayed. [Num. xxv. 7.]
And that was counted unto him for righteousness 31
Unto generations and generations for ever.

They angered him also at the waters of Meribah, 32
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes ; [Num. xx. 13.]
Because they made his spirit to rebel, 33
So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
They did not destroy the peoples, 34
Concerning whom Jehovah commanded them ;
But mingled with the Nations, and learned their works, 35
And served their idols ; which were a snare to them. 36
And they sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons, 37
And shed innocent blood, 38
The blood of their sons and their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan ;
And the land was polluted with bloodshed.
Thus were they defiled with their own works, 39
And went astray in their doings.

Then was the anger of Jehovah hot against his people, 40
Insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
And he gave them into the hand of the Nations ; 41
And they that hated them ruled over them.
Their enemies also oppressed them, 42
And they were subdued under their hand.
Very many times did he deliver them ; 43
But they rebelled in their counsel,
And were brought low in their iniquity. [B.C. 600.]
Yet he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry ; 44
And he remembered for them his covenant, 45
And repented according to his great kindness.
He made them also to be pitied [B.C. 564.] 46
In the sight of all those that carried them captives.

‘ Save us, O Jehovah our God, and gather us from the 47
Nations,
‘ To confess thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.’

- 48 Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel from everlasting
to everlasting. And let all the people say, 'Amen,'
Praise ye Jah.

CVII.

- 1 O give thanks unto Jehovah, for he is good ;
For his kindness endureth for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of Jehovah say so,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the oppressor ;
- 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east,
And from the west, from the north, and from the sea.
- 4 They wandered in the desert in a wilderness,
On the way to a city to dwell in, which they found not.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to Jehovah in their trouble,
And he delivered them out of their distresses.
- 7 And he led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city to dwell in.
- 8 O that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam !
- 9 For he satisfied the longing soul,
And filled the hungry soul with what is good.
- 10 They sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and in iron ;
- 11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God,
And had despised the counsel of the Most High ;
- 12 Therefore he bowed down their heart with labour ;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to Jehovah in their trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.
- 14 He led them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And burst their bonds asunder.
- 15 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam !
- 16 For he broke the doors of copper,
And cut the bars of iron asunder.
- 17 Fools in the path of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were they afflicted.
- 18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food ;
And they drew near unto the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to Jehovah in their trouble ;
And he saved them out of their distresses.

He sent his word, and healed them, 20
 And delivered them from their destruction.
 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness, } 21
 And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam ! }
 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, 22
 And declare his works with singing. }
 They that go down to the sea in ships, 23
 That do business on the great waters ;
 These see Jehovah's works, and his wonders on the deep. 24
 For he speaketh, and raiseth the stormy wind, 25
 Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
 They go up to the heavens, they go down to the depths ; 26
 Their soul is melted because of trouble,
 They reel and stagger like a drunken man, 27
 And all their skill is of none effect.
 Then they cry to Jehovah in their trouble, 28
 And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
 He maketh the storm a calm, and its waves are still. 29
 Then are they glad because they are quiet ; 30
 So he bringeth them to the haven of their desire.
 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his kindness, } 31
 And for his wonderful works to the children of Adam ! }
 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people, } 32
 And praise him at the sitting of the elders. }
 He changeth rivers into a desert, 33
 And the watersprings into thirsty ground ;
 A fruitful land into saltness, 34
 Because of the wickedness of them that dwell in it. 35
 He changeth the desert into a pool of water,
 And dry ground into watersprings. 36
 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, 37
 That they may prepare a city to dwell in ;
 And may sow the fields, and plant vineyards, 38
 Which may yield fruits of increase.
 And he blesseth them, and they are multiplied greatly ; 39
 And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
 Again, they are lessened and brought low 40
 Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
 He poureth contempt upon princes, 41
 And causeth them to wander in a pathless waste.
 Yet he lifteth up the poor man from affliction,
 And maketh for him families like a flock.

- ⁴² The righteous see it, and rejoice ;
And all iniquity shutteth her mouth.
⁴³ Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
Then they shall understand the kindness of Jehovah.

CVIII.

A Song or Psalm of David.

- ¹ O God, my heart is fixed ;
I will sing and give praise, even to my Glory.
² Awake, psaltery and harp ; I will awake early.
³ I will give thanks to thee, O Jehovah, among the peoples ;
And I will sing praises to thee among the nations.
⁴ For thy kindness is great above the heavens ;
And thy truth reacheth unto the skies.
⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ;
And thy glory above all the earth ;
⁶ So that thy beloved ones may be delivered ;
Save thou with thy right hand, and answer me.
⁷ God spake in his Holy Place, [saying,]
‘ I will triumph ; I will divide up Shechem into portions,
‘ And I will measure out the valley of Succoth.
⁸ ‘ Gilead is mine ; Manasseh is mine ;
‘ Ephraim also is the strong covering of my head ;
‘ Judah is my staff of power ;
⁹ ‘ Moab is my washpot ; over Edom I empty my shoe ;
‘ Over Philistia will I shout aloud.’
¹⁰ Who will bring me into the city of Mibzar ?
Who will lead me into Edom ?
¹¹ Wilt not thou, O God, who hadst cast us off ?
And wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts ?
¹² Give us help from trouble ; for vain is the help of man.
¹³ Through God we shall do valiantly.
For he it is that will tread down our oppressors.

CIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise ;
² For the mouth of the wicked man,
And the deceiving mouth, are opened against me ;
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
³ They encompass me also with words of hatred ;
And they fight against me without a cause.
⁴ In return for my love they accuse me ;
But I give myself unto prayer.

And they put upon me evil in return for good, 5
 And hatred in return for my love, [saying,]
 'Let a wicked man be overseer over him ; 6
 'And let an accuser stand at his right hand.
 'When judged, let him go forth condemned ; 7
 'And let his prayer become a sin.
 'Let his days be few ; let another take his charge. 8
 'Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. 9
 'Let his children wander as vagabonds, and beg, 10
 'And seek [their bread] in their desolate places.
 'Let the usurer catch all that he hath ; 11
 'And let strangers plunder the fruit of his labour.
 'Let there be none to extend kindness to him ; 12
 'Neither let there be any to favour his orphans.
 'Let those who come after him be cut off ; 13
 'In the next generation let their name be blotted out.
 'Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by Jehovah, 14
 'And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out ;
 'Let them be before Jehovah continually, 15
 'That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
 'Because he remembered not to shew kindness, 16
 'But persecuted the poor and needy man,
 'And the broken in heart that he might kill them.
 'As he loved cursing, so let that come to him ; 17
 'As he delighted not in blessing, let that be far from him.
 'As he clothed himself with cursing as an outer garment, 18
 'So let it enter in to his bowels like water,
 'And like oil into his bones.
 'Let it be to him as the clothing that covereth him, 19
 'And for a waistband wherewith he is girded continually.'
 Let this be the reward of my accusers from Jehovah, 20
 And of them that speak evil against my soul.
 But do thou for me, O Jehovah Lord, for thy name's sake ; 21
 Because thy kindness is good, deliver thou me.
 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is pierced within me. 22
 I am gone like the shadow when it is lengthened ; 23
 I am tossed up and down as the locust.
 My knees are weak through fasting ; 24
 And my flesh faileth of fatness.
 I am become also a reproach unto them ; 25
 When they look upon me they shake their heads.
 Help me, O Jehovah my God ; 26

- Save me according to thy kindness ;
 27 That they may know that this is thy hand,
 That thou, O Jehovah, hast done it.
 28 Let them curse, but do thou bless ;
 Let them arise, and be shamed ; but let thy servant rejoice.
 29 Let mine accusers be clothed with confusion,
 And cover themselves with their shame, as with a mantle.
 30 I will greatly praise Jehovah with my mouth ;
 Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
 31 For he standeth at the right hand of the poor man,
 To save him from those that condemn his soul.

CX.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Jehovah hath said to my Lord,
 ‘ Sit thou at my right hand,
 ‘ Until I make thine enemies a stool for thy feet.’
 2 Jehovah will send the sceptre of thy power out of Zion ;
 Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies ;
 3 Thy people will be of willing heart in thy day of battle,
 On the mountains of holiness.
 From the womb of the morning was the dew of thy youth.
 4 Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent,
 ‘ Thou art a priest for ever of the order of Melchizedek.’
 5 The Lord is at thy right hand,
 He smiteth kings in the day of his wrath.
 6 He will do justice among the Nations.
 He will fill them with dead bodies.
 He hath smitten the chief [city] of the land of Rabbah.
 7 [Israel] shall drink of the brook in the way ;
 Therefore shall he lift up his head.

CXI.

- 1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
 ✥ I will give thanks to Jehovah with my whole heart,
 ✎ In the council of the upright, and in the assembly.
 2 ✎ The works of Jehovah are great,
 7 Sought out by all that have pleasure therein.
 3 ✎ His work is honourable and glorious ;
 7 And his righteousness endureth for ever.
 4 7 He hath made his wonders to be remembered ;
 ✎ Jehovah is gracious and full of compassion.
 5 ✎ He hath given meat to them that fear him ;
 • He will remember his covenant for ever.

6 He shewed his people the power of his works, 6
 7 Giving unto them the heritage of the Nations. 7
 8 The works of his hands are truth and judgment ; 7
 9 All his precepts are sure. 8
 10 They stand fast for ever and ever, 8
 11 They are done in truth and uprightness. 9
 12 He sent redemption unto his people ; 9
 13 He hath commanded his covenant for ever ; 10
 14 His name is holy and to be feared. 10
 15 The fear of Jehovah is the highest of wisdom ; 10
 16 A good understanding have all they that do thus ; 10
 17 His praise endureth for ever. 10

CXII.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1
 2 Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah, 1
 3 That delighteth greatly in his commandments. 2
 4 His seed will be mighty upon earth ; 2
 5 The generation of the upright will be blessed. 3
 6 Wealth and riches will be in his house ; 3
 7 And his righteousness endureth for ever. 3
 8 Unto the upright, light ariseth in the darkness ; 4
 9 He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. 4
 10 It is good for a man to shew favour, and lend ; 5
 11 He will sustain his cause in judgment. 5
 12 Surely he will not be disturbed for ever ; 6
 13 The righteous man will be in everlasting remembrance. 6
 14 He is not afraid of evil tidings ; 7
 15 His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah. 7
 16 His heart is established, he will not be afraid, 8
 17 Until he look down upon his oppressors. 8
 18 He distributeth, he giveth to the poor ; 9
 19 His righteousness endureth for ever ; 9
 20 His horn will be exalted with honour. 9
 21 The wicked man will see it and be grieved ; 10
 22 He will gnash with his teeth and melt away ; 10
 23 The desire of the wicked will perish. 10

CXIII.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1
 Praise, O ye servants of Jehovah, praise Jehovah's name. 2
 Blessed be Jehovah's name from this time and for ever. 2

- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down
 Jehovah's name is to be praised.
 4 Jehovah is high above all nations,
 His glory is above the heavens.
 5 Who is like unto Jehovah our God,
 6 That dwelleth on high, and stoopeth
 To look down on the heavens and on the earth?
 7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
 He lifteth the needy off the dunghill ;
 8 That he may make him to dwell with princes,
 Even with the princes of his people.
 9 He maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house,
 As a joyful mother of children. Praise ye Jah.

CXIV.

- 1 When Israel went out of Lower Egypt,
 The house of Jacob from a people of strange tongue ;
 2 Judah was his Holy Place, Israel his dominion.
 3 The sea saw it, and fled ; the Jordan turned back.
 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
 5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest ?
 Thou Jordan, that thou turnedst back ?
 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams ;
 Ye hills, like lambs ?
 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 At the presence of the God of Jacob ;
 8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water,
 The flint into a fountain of waters.

CXV.

- 1 Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us, but to thy name,
 Give glory, for thy kindness, and for thy truth's sake.
 2 Why should the Nations say, 'Where is now their God ?'
 3 But our God is in the heavens ;
 He doeth whatsoever he pleaseth.
 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
 5 They have mouths, but speak not ; eyes, but they see not ;
 6 They have ears, but hear not ; noses, but they smell not ;
 7 Hands, but they handle not ; feet, but they walk not ;
 And they make no sound through their throat.
 8 They that make them are like unto them ;
 So is every one that trusteth in them.
 9 Let Israel trust in Jehovah ;
 He is their help and their shield.

Let the house of Aaron trust in Jehovah ; 10
 He is their help and their shield.
 Let them that fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah ; 11
 He is their help and their shield.
 'Jehovah hath been mindful of us ; he will bless us ; 12
 'He will bless the house of Israel ;
 'He will bless the house of Aaron.
 'He will bless them that fear Jehovah, both small and great.' 13
 Jehovah will add more to you, to you, and to your children. 14
 Ye are blessed of Jehovah, who made heaven and earth. 15
 The heaven of heavens is for Jehovah ; 16
 But the earth hath he given to the children of Adam.
 'The dead praise not Jah, 17
 'Neither any that go down into silence.
 'But we will bless Jah from this time forth and for ever.' 18
 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].

CXVI.

I love Jehovah, for he heareth the voice of my supplication. 1
 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, 2
 Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
 The cords of death encompassed me, 3
 And the pains of hell had found me ;
 I had found trouble and sorrow.
 Then called I upon the name of Jehovah ; 4
 'O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.'
 Gracious is Jehovah, and just ; yea, our God is merciful. 5
 Jehovah preserveth the simple ; 6
 I was brought low, and he helped me.
 Return unto thy rest, O my soul ; 7
 For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.
 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, 8
 Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
 I will walk before Jehovah in the land of the living. 9
 I believed when I spoke, I cried aloud, 10
 I said in my fright, 'All men are liars.' 11
 How can I repay Jehovah for all his benefits to me ? 12
 I will take the cup of salvation, 13
 And call upon the name of Jehovah.
 Let me now pay my vows to Jehovah before all his people. 14
 Precious in the eyes of Jehovah is the death of his saints. 15
 O Jehovah, truly I am thy servant, 16
 I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid,
 But thou hast loosed my bonds.

‘to thee in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the
46 ‘army of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will
‘Jehovah deliver thee into my hand ; and I will smite
‘thee, and take thy head from thee ; and I will give the
‘carcases of the host of the Philistines this day to the
‘fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth ; that
‘all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.
47 ‘And all this assembly shall know that Jehovah saveth
‘not with sword and spear. For the battle is Jehovah’s,
‘and he will give you into our hands.’

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and
came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened,
49 and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And
David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone,
and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that
the stone sunk into his forehead. And he fell upon his
50 face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine
with a sling and with a stone ; and he smote the Philis-
tine, and slew him. And there was no sword in David’s
(51 hand. And David ran, and stood upon the Philistine,
and took his sword, and drew it out of its sheath, and slew
him, and cut off his head therewith.

And when the Philistines saw their warrior was dead,
52 they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and
shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to
the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded
of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaarim ; even
53 to Gath, and to Ekron. And the children of Israel re-
turned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plun-
dered their camp.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought
it to Jerusalem ; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philis-
tine, he said to Abner, the captain of the host, ‘Abner,
‘whose son is this youth ?’ And Abner said, ‘As thy soul
56 ‘liveth, O king, I do not know.’ And the king said, ‘In-
57 ‘quire thou whose son the stripling is.’ And as David
returned from smiting the Philistine, Abner took him, and
brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine
58 in his hand. And Saul said to him, ‘Whose son art thou,
—‘thou young man ?’ And David answered, ‘I am the son
1 ‘of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.’ And it came to

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of Jah. 17
 Jah hath chastened me sore ; 18
 But he hath not given me over unto death.
 Open to me the gates of righteousness, 19
 I will enter them, I will give thanks unto Jah.
 ‘ This is the gate of Jehovah, by this the righteous enter.’ 20
 I will praise thee ; for thou hast answered me, 21
 And thou art become my salvation.
 ‘ The stone which the builders rejected 22
 ‘ Is become the head stone of the corner.
 ‘ This is from Jehovah ; it is marvellous in our eyes. 23
 ‘ This is the day which Jehovah hath made ; 24
 ‘ We will rejoice and be glad in it.’
 Save now, I beseech thee, O Jehovah ; 25
 O Jehovah, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
 ‘ Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah ; 26
 ‘ We have blessed you from the House of Jehovah.
 ‘ Jehovah is God, who hath shewed us light ; 27
 ‘ Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.’
 Thou art my God, I will give thanks to thee ; 28
 Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
 ‘ O give thanks unto Jehovah ; for he is good, 29
 for his kindness endureth for ever.’

CXIX.

✠ Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, 1
 Who walk in the Law of Jehovah.
 ✠ Blessed are they that keep his Testimonies, 2
 And that seek him with the whole heart.
 ✠ They also do no iniquity, 3
 They walk in his Ways.
 ✠ Thou hast commanded us as to thy Precepts, 4
 That they should be kept diligently.
 ✠ O that my ways may be directed 5
 To keep thy Statutes !
 ✠ Then shall I not be ashamed, 6
 When I have respect to all thy Commandments.
 ✠ I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, 7
 When I shall have learned thy righteous Judgments.
 ✠ I will keep thy Statutes ; 8
 O forsake me not utterly.
 ✠ Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way ; 9
 By taking heed according to thy Word.

- 10 **♫** With my whole heart have I sought thee ;
 Let me not sin in ignorance of thy Commands.
- 11 **♫** In my heart I have hidden thy Sayings,
 That I might not sin against thee.
- 12 **♫** Blessed art thou, O Jehovah ;
 Teach me thy Statutes.
- 13 **♫** With my lips have I declared
 All the Judgments of thy mouth.
- 14 **♫** In the way of thy Testimonies I rejoice,
 As much as in all riches.
- 15 **♫** On thy Precepts I will meditate,
 And have respect unto thy ways.
- 16 **♫** In thy Statutes I will delight myself ;
 I will not forget thy word.
- 17 **♫** Deal bountifully with thy servant,
 That I may live, and keep thy Word.
- 18 **♫** Uncover thou mine eyes, that I may behold
 The wondrous things out of thy Law.
- 19 **♫** I am a sojourner on the earth ;
 Hide not thy Commandments from me.
- 20 **♫** My soul breaketh because of its longing
 After thy Judgments at all times.
- 21 **♫** Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
 Who [say they] sin in ignorance of thy Commands.
- 22 **♫** Remove from me reproach and contempt ;
 For I have kept thy Testimonies.
- 23 **♫** Yea, princes sit and speak to one another against me ;
 But thy servant doth meditate on thy Statutes.
- 24 **♫** Yea, thy Testimonies are my delight,
 As men who are my counsellors.
- 25 **♫** My soul cleaveth unto the dust ;
 Quicken thou me according to thy Word.
- 26 **♫** My ways I did declare, and thou didst answer me ;
 Teach me thy Statutes.
- 27 **♫** The way of thy Precepts make thou me to understand,
 So will I meditate on thy wondrous works.
- 28 **♫** My soul melteth for sorrow ;
 Raise thou me up according to thy Word.
- 29 **♫** The way of lying do thou remove from me ;
 And grant me thy Law graciously.
- 30 **♫** The way of truth have I chosen ;
 Thy Judgments have I laid before me.

- ¶ I have cleaved unto thy Testimonies ; 31
 O Jehovah, put me not to shame.
- ¶ The way of thy Commandments will I run, 32
 When thou shalt enlarge my heart.
- ¶ Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy Statutes ; 33
 And I will keep it unto the end.
- ¶ Give me understanding, and I will keep thy Law ; 34
 Yea, I will observe it with my whole heart.
- ¶ Make me to go in the path of thy Commandments, 35
 For therein do I delight.
- ¶ Incline my heart unto thy Testimonies, 36
 And not to covetousness.
- ¶ Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, 37
 And quicken thou me in thy Way.
- ¶ Establish thy Word unto thy servant, 38
 Who is established in thy fear.
- ¶ Turn away my reproach which I dread, 39
 For thy Judgments are good.
- ¶ Behold, I have longed after thy Precepts ; 40
 Make me to live in thy righteousness.
- ¶ And let thy kindness come unto me, O Jehovah, 41
 Even thy salvation, according to thy Word.
- ¶ And I shall answer a word to him that reproacheth me ; 42
 For in thy Word do I trust.
- ¶ And take not the word of truth wholly out of my mouth ; 43
 For I have hoped in thy Judgments.
- ¶ And I will keep thy Law 44
 Continually for ever and ever.
- ¶ And I shall walk about at large ; 45
 For I seek thy Precepts.
- ¶ And I will speak of thy Testimonies before kings, 46
 And I shall not be ashamed.
- ¶ And I will delight myself in thy Commandments, 47
 Which I have loved.
- ¶ And my hands will I lift up to thy commands, 48
 Which I have loved, and will meditate on thy Statutes.
- ¶ Remember the Word unto thy servant, 49
 Upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
- ¶ This is my comfort in my affliction ; 50
 For thy Word hath kept me alive.
- ¶ The proud have had me greatly in derision ; 51
 Yet have I not turned aside from thy Law.

- 52 I remembered thy Judgments of old,
O Jehovah ; and I have comforted myself.
- 53 Violent anger hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake thy Law.
- 54 Thy Statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage,
- 55 I remember thy name, O Jehovah, in the night,
And will keep thy Law.
- 56 This I had,
Because I kept thy Precepts.
- 57 Thou art my portion, O Jehovah ;
I have said that I would keep thy Words.
- 58 I entreated thy presence with my whole heart ;
Be gracious unto me according to thy Word.
- 59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy Testimonies.
- 60 I made haste, and delayed not
To keep thy Commandments.
- 61 The bands of the wicked have come round me ;
But I have not forgotten thy Law.
- 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee,
Because of thy righteous Judgments.
- 63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that keep thy Precepts.
- 64 The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy kindness ;
Teach me thy Statutes.
- 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O Jehovah, according unto thy Word.
- 66 Teach me the goodness of judgment and knowledge ;
For I have believed thy Commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray ;
But now have I kept thy Word.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good ;
Teach me thy Statutes.
- 69 The proud have forged a lie against me ;
But I will keep thy Precepts with my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is as fat as grease ;
But I delight in thy Law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;
In order that I might learn thy Statutes.
- 72 Better unto me is the Law of thy mouth
Than thousands of gold and silver.

- Thy hands made me and fashioned me ; 73
Teach me, that I may learn thy Commandments.
- They that fear thee will be glad when they see me ; 74
Because I have hoped in thy Word.
- I know, O Jehovah, that thy Judgments are right, 75
And that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
- Let, I pray thee, thy kindness be for my comfort, 76
According to thy Word unto thy servant.
- Let thy mercy come unto me, that I may live ; 77
For thy Law is my delight.
- Let the proud be ashamed ; for they wrong me falsely ; 78
But I will meditate on thy Precepts.
- Let those that fear thee turn unto me, 79
And those that have known thy Testimonies.
- Let my heart be sound in thy Statutes 80
So that I be not ashamed.
- ▷ My soul fainteth for thy salvation ; 81
But I have hoped in thy Promise.
- ▷ Mine eyes fail for thy Word, 82
Saying, ‘ When wilt thou comfort me ? ’
- ▷ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke ; 83
Yet I have not forgotten thy Statutes.
- ▷ How many will be the days of thy servant ? 84
When wilt thou execute Judgment on my pursuers ?
- ▷ The proud have digged pitfalls for me, 85
Because they are not after thy Law.
- ▷ All thy Commandments are faithful ; 86
They persecute me wrongfully ; help thou me.
- ▷ They had almost consumed me upon earth ; 87
But I have not forsaken thy Precepts.
- ▷ Revive me according to thy kindness ; 88
So will I keep the Testimony of thy mouth.
- ↳ For ever, O Jehovah, 89
Thy Word is established in heaven.
- ↳ Thy Faithfulness is unto all generations ; 90
Thou didst form the earth, and it abideth.
- ↳ They abide this day according to thy Judgments ; 91
For they all are thy servants.
- ↳ Unless thy Law had been my delights, 92
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
- ↳ I will never forget thy Precepts ; 93
For with them thou hast revived me.

- 94 I am thine, save me,
 For I have sought thy Precepts.
- 95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me ;
 But I will consider thy Testimonies.
- 96 I have seen an end of all perfection ;
 But thy Commandment is exceeding broad.
- 97 O how I love thy Law !
 It is my meditation all the day.
- 98 Thou makest me wiser than mine enemies
 By thy Commandments, for they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers ;
 For thy Testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the elders,
 Because I have kept thy Precepts.
- 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
 In order that I might keep thy Word.
- 102 I have not departed from thy Judgments ;
 For thou hast taught me.
- 103 How sweet are thy Words unto my palate !
 Sweeter than honey to my mouth !
- 104 Through thy Precepts I get understanding ;
 Therefore I hate every false way.
- 105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
 And a light unto my path.
- 106 I have sworn, and I will perform it,
 That I will keep thy righteous Judgments.
- 107 I have been afflicted very much ;
 Revive me, O Jehovah, according unto thy Word.
- 108 Accept now the freewill offerings of my mouth,
 O Jehovah, and teach me thy Judgments.
- 109 My life is continually in my hand ;
 Yet do I not forget thy Law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me ;
 Yet I wandered not from thy Precepts.
- 111 Thy Testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever ;
 For they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I incline my heart to perform thy Statutes
 Always, even unto the end.
- 113 I hate men of two minds ;
 But thy Law do I love.
- 114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield ;
 I hope in thy Word.

- ☞ Depart from me, ye evil doers ; 115
 For I will keep the Commandments of my God.
- ☞ Uphold me according to thy Word, that I may live ; 116
 And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
- ☞ Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe ; 117
 And I will have respect unto thy Statutes continually.
- ☞ Thou despisest all that sin in ignorance of thy Laws, 118
 For their pretence [of ignorance] is false.
- ☞ Thou riddest the land of all the wicked as dross ; 119
 Therefore I love thy Testimonies.
- ☞ My flesh shuddereth through dread of thee ; 120
 And I am afraid of thy Judgments.
- ☞ I have done Judgment and justice ; 121
 Leave me not to mine oppressors.
- ☞ Be surety for thy servant for good ; 122
 Let not the proud oppress me.
- ☞ Mine eyes fail [looking] for thy salvation, 123
 And for the Word of thy righteousness.
- ☞ Deal with thy servant according unto thy kindness 124
 And teach me thy Statutes.
- ☞ I am thy servant ; give me understanding, 125
 That I may know thy Testimonies.
- ☞ It is time for thee, O Jehovah, to work ; 126
 For they have made void thy Law.
- ☞ Therefore I love thy Commandments 127
 Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
- ☞ Therefore I esteem all thy Precepts to be right ; 128
 And I hate every false way.
- ☞ Thy Testimonies are wonderful ; 129
 Therefore doth my soul keep them.
- ☞ The entrance of thy Words giveth light ; 130
 It giveth understanding unto the simple.
- ☞ I opened wide my mouth, and panted ; 131
 For I longed for thy Commandments.
- ☞ Look thou upon me, and be merciful to me, 132
 As thy Manner is to those that love thy name.
- ☞ Order my steps according to thy Speech ; 133
 And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
- ☞ Redeem me from the oppression of man ; 134
 So will I keep thy Precepts.
- ☞ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ; 135
 And teach me thy Statutes.

- 136 Streams of waters run down mine eyes,
Because they keep not thy Law.
- 137 Righteous art thou, O Jehovah,
And upright are thy Judgments.
- 138 Thou didst order righteousness by thy Testimonies,
And perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My zeal hath consumed me,
Because mine oppressors have forgotten thy Words.
- 140 Thy Word is very pure ;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
- 141 I am small and despised ;
Yet I do not forget thy Precepts.
- 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And thy Law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have befallen me ;
Yet thy Commandments are my delights.
- 144 The righteousness of thy Testimonies is everlasting ;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
- 145 I cried with my whole heart ;
Answer me, O Jehovah ; I will keep thy Statutes.
- 146 I cried unto thee ; save me,
And I will keep thy Testimonies.
- 147 I was up before the dawn, and I cried ;
I hoped in thy Word.
- 148 Mine eyes are beforehand with the night watches,
That I may meditate on thy Word.
- 149 Hear my voice according to thy kindness ;
O Jehovah, revive me according to thy Judgment.
- 150 They draw near that follow after mischief ;
But they are far from thy Law.
- 151 Thou art near, O Jehovah ;
And all thy Commandments are truth.
- 152 Of old I have known about thy Testimonies,
That thou hast founded them for ever.
- 153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me ;
For I do not forget thy Law.
- 154 Plead my cause, and redeem me ;
Revive me according to thy Word.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked ;
For they seek not thy Statutes.
- 156 Great are thy mercies, O Jehovah ;

- Revive me according to thy Judgments.
- ⌞ Many are my persecutors and mine oppressors ; 157
Yet do I not turn aside from thy Testimonies.
- ⌞ I beheld the transgressors, and was disgusted ; 158
Because they kept not thy Word.
- ⌞ Consider how I love thy Precepts ; 159
Revive me, O Jehovah, according to thy kindness.
- ⌞ At the head of thy word is truth ; 160
And all thy righteous Judgments endure for ever.
- ⌚ Princes have persecuted me without cause ; 161
But my heart standeth in awe of thy Word.
- ⌚ I rejoice at thy Word, 162
As one that findeth a great booty.
- ⌚ I hate and abhor lying ; 163
But thy Law do I love.
- ⌚ Seven times a day do I sing praise to thee ; 164
Because of thy righteous Judgments.
- ⌚ Great peace have they that love thy Law ; 165
And nothing is a stumbling-block unto them.
- ⌚ O Jehovah, I have hoped for thy salvation, 166
And have done thy Commandments.
- ⌚ My soul hath kept thy Testimonies ; 167
And I love them exceedingly.
- ⌚ I have kept thy Precepts and thy Testimonies ; 168
For all my ways are before thee.
- ⌞ Let my cry come near before thee, O Jehovah ; 169
Give me understanding according to thy Word.
- ⌞ Let my supplication come before thee ; 170
Deliver me according to thy Word.
- ⌞ My lips shall pour forth praise, 171
Because thou hast taught me thy Statutes.
- ⌞ My tongue shall speak of thy word ; 172
For all thy Commandments are righteous.
- ⌞ Let thy hand be my help ; 173
For I have chosen thy Precepts.
- ⌞ I have longed for thy salvation, O Jehovah ; 174
And thy Law is my delight.
- ⌞ Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ; 175
And let thy Judgments help me.
- ⌞ I wander like a lost sheep ; seek thy servant ; 176
For I forget not thy Commandments.

CXX.

A Song of the steps [or of going up].

- ¹ In my distress I cried to Jehovah, and he answered me.
- ² Deliver my soul, O Jehovah, from lying lips,
And from a false tongue.
- ³ What shall be given unto thee?
Or what shall be added to thee, thou false tongue?
- ⁴ Sharp arrows of warriors, with coals of broomwood.
- ⁵ Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech [in Circassia],
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar [in Arabia]!
- ⁶ My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
- ⁷ I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

CXXI.

A Song of the steps.

- ¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains,
From whence cometh my help.
- ² My help cometh from Jehovah,
Who made the heavens and the earth.
- ³ He will not suffer thy foot to slip;
He that guardeth thee doth not slumber.
- ⁴ Lo, Israel's guard neither slumbereth nor sleepeth.
- ⁵ Jehovah is thy guard;
Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ Jehovah will guard thee from all evil;
He will guard thy soul.
- ⁸ Jehovah will guard thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth and for evermore.

CXXII.

A Song of the steps, of David.

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the House of Jehovah.'
- ² 'Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.'
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is knit together;
- ⁴ Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of Jah,
Israel's testimony to praise the name of Jehovah.
- ⁵ For there is set the throne of judgment,
The throne of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem;
They will prosper that love thee:
- ⁷ Peace be within thy walls, prosperity in thy palaces.
- ⁸ For the sake of my brethren and companions,

I will say, 'Now peace be within thee.'
 For the sake of the House of Jehovah our God,
 I will seek thy good.

CXXIII.

A Song of the steps.

Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes, 1
 O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
 Lo, as servants' eyes are on the hand of their masters, 2
 As a maiden's eyes are on the hand of her mistress ;
 So our eyes shall be on Jehovah our God,
 Until that he have pity upon us.

Have pity upon us, O Jehovah, have pity upon us ; 3
 For we are greatly filled with contempt.
 Our soul is greatly filled 4
 With the scorn of those that are at ease,
 And with the contempt of the proud.

CXXIV.

A Song of the steps, of David.

Unless it had been Jehovah who was for us,
 May Israel now say,—
 Unless it had been Jehovah who was for us, 1
 When men rose up against us ;
 Then they had swallowed us up alive. 2
 When their wrath was kindled against us,
 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, 3
 The stream had gone over our soul.

Then the proud waters had gone over our soul ; 4
 Blessed be Jehovah, who gave us not a prey to their teeth. 5
 Our soul escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers ; 6
 The snare was broken, and we are escaped.
 Our help was in the name of Jehovah, 7
 Who made the heavens and the earth.

CXXV.

A Song of the steps.

They that trust in Jehovah shall be as mount Zion ;
 It cannot be disturbed, it abideth for ever.
 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
 So Jehovah is about his people from now and for ever.
 For the rod of the wicked man shall not rest
 Upon the lot of the righteous ;
 Lest the righteous put forth their hands to iniquity,
 Do good, O Jehovah, unto those that are good,

- And to them that are upright in their hearts.
⁵ Such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
 Them will Jehovah lead forth with the evildoers.
 Peace be upon Israel.

CXXVI.

A Song of the steps.

- ¹ When Jehovah brought home the captivity of Zion,
 We were like them that dream.
² Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 And our tongue with singing ;
 Then said they among the Nations,
 ' Jehovah hath done great thing for them.'
³ Jehovah hath done great things for us ; and we are glad.
⁴ Bring home our captivity, O Jehovah,
 As the streams in the south country.
⁵ They that sow in tears will reap with singing.
⁶ He that goeth forth weeping, bearing a cast of seed,
 Will come back with singing, bearing his sheaves.

CXXVII.

A Song of the steps, for Solomon.

- ¹ Except Jehovah build the House,
 They toil in vain that build it ;
 Except Jehovah guard the city, the guard waketh in vain.
² It is in vain for you to rise up early,
 To sit up late, to eat the bread of labour ;
 Thus he giveth to his beloved during sleep.
³ Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah ;
 And the fruit of the womb is his reward.
⁴ As arrows are in the hand of a warrior,
 So are the children of the young men.
⁵ Happy the man that hath his quiver full of them ;
 They will not be ashamed,
 When they shall speak with the enemies at the city gate.

CXXVIII.

A Song of the steps.

- ¹ Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah ;
 That walketh in his ways.
² For thou shalt eat of the labour of thy hands,
 Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
³ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine,
 In the inner chamber of my house ;
 Thy children like olive plants around thy table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed that feareth Jehovah. 4

Jehovah will bless thee out of Zion, and thou shalt see 5
the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou 6
shalt see thy children's children.

Peace be upon Israel.

CXXIX.

A Song of the steps.

Much have they oppressed me from my youth ; 1

May Israel now say—

Much have they oppressed me from my youth ; 2

Yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowmen plowed up my back ; 3

They made long their furrows.

Jehovah is righteous, he cutteth the cords of the wicked. 4

Let all that hate Zion be confounded and turned back. 5

Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, 6

Which withereth before it is plucked up ;

Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand ; 7

Nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom.

Neither do they that pass by say, 8

‘ May the blessing of Jehovah be upon you ;

‘ We bless you in the name of Jehovah.’

CXXX.

A Song of the steps.

Out of the depths do I cry to thee, O Jehovah. 1

O Lord, hearken unto my voice ; 2

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou shouldest watch iniquities, O Jah, 3

O Lord, who could stand ?

But forgiveness is with thee, that thou mayest be feared. 4

I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait, 5

And in his word do I hope.

My soul watcheth for the Lord, 6

More than they that watch for the morning,

Than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in Jehovah ; 7

For with Jehovah there is kindness,

And with him is a plenteous redeeming.

And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. 8

CXXXI.

A Song of the steps, of David.

O Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty. 1

- I walk not in matters great or too wonderful for me.
² Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul.
 As a weaned child is to his mother,
 So are [thy] benefits to my soul.
³ Let Israel hope in Jehovah from now and for ever.

CXXXII.

A Song of the steps.

- ¹ O Jehovah, remember David, and all his afflictions ;
² How he sware unto Jehovah,
 And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, [saying,]
³ ‘ Surely I will not enter the tent of my house,
 ‘ Nor go up on to the bed upon my couch ;
⁴ ‘ I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids
⁵ ‘ Until I find out a place for Jehovah,
 ‘ A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.’
⁶ Lo, we heard of it [the Ark] at Ephratah ;
 We found it in the fields of the Forest [or Jearim].
⁷ Let us go to his Tabernacle ;
 Let us worship at his footstool.
⁸ Arise, O Jehovah, into thy resting place ;
 Thou and the Ark of thy strength.
⁹ Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ;
 And let thy godly ones shout for joy.
¹⁰ For thy servant David’s sake
 Turn not away the face of thine anointed one.
¹¹ Jehovah sware in truth to David ; he will not turn from it,
 ‘ Of the fruit of thy body will I set one on thy throne.
¹² ‘ If thy sons keep my covenant,
 ‘ And my testimony that I shall teach them,
 ‘ Their sons also shall sit on thy throne for ever.’
¹³ For Jehovah hath chosen Zion ;
 He hath desired it for his habitation, [saying,]
¹⁴ ‘ This shall be my resting place for ever ;
 ‘ Here will I dwell ; for I have desired it.
¹⁵ ‘ I will abundantly bless her provision ;
 ‘ I will satisfy her poor with bread.
¹⁶ ‘ I will also clothe her priests with salvation ;
 ‘ And her godly ones shall shout aloud for joy.
¹⁷ ‘ There will I make the horn of David to branch forth ;
 ‘ I have established the lamp for mine anointed one.
¹⁸ ‘ His enemies will I clothe with shame ;
 ‘ But upon himself shall his crown flourish.’

CXXXIII.

A Song of the steps, of David.

Behold, how sweet and how pleasant a thing it is 1
 For brethren to dwell together in unity !
 It is like the sweet ointment upon the head, 2
 That fell down on the beard, even Aaron's beard ;
 That fell down to the hem of his garments ;
 As the dew of Hermon, that falleth down on mount Zion ; 3
 For there Jehovah commandeth the blessing,
 Even of life for evermore. .

CXXXIV.

A Song of the steps.

Behold, bless ye Jehovah, all ye servants of Jehovah, 1
 Who by night stand in the House of Jehovah.
 Lift up your hands in holiness, and bless Jehovah. 2
 May Jehovah bless thee out of Zion, 3
 He that made the heavens and the earth.

CXXXV.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1

Praise ye the name of Jehovah ;
 Praise him, O ye servants of Jehovah.
 Ye that stand in the House of Jehovah, 2
 In the courts of the House of our God,
 Praise ye Jah ; for Jehovah is good ; 3
 Sing praises unto his name ; for it is pleasant.
 For Jah hath chosen Jacob unto himself, 4
 And Israel for his peculiar treasure.
 For I know that Jehovah is great, 5
 And that our Lord is above all gods.
 Whatsoever Jehovah pleaseth, he doeth in heaven, 6
 And on earth, in the ocean, and all underground places.
 He causeth clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth ; 7
 He maketh lightnings for the rain ;
 He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. 8
 He sent signs and wonders into thy midst, O Egypt, 9
 Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
 He smote great nations, and slew mighty kings ; 10
 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, 11
 And all the kingdoms of Canaan ;
 And gave their land for a heritage, 12
 A heritage unto Israel his people.

- 13 Thy name, O Jehovah, endureth for ever ;
The memory of thee, O Jehovah, to all generations.
14 For Jehovah will judge his people,
And he will repent himself concerning his servants.
15 The idols of the Nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not ;
Eyes have they, but they see not ;
17 They have ears, but they hear not ;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that made them are like unto them ;
So is every one that trusteth in them.
19 O house of Israel, bless ye Jehovah ;
O house of Aaron, bless ye Jehovah ;
20 O house of Levi, bless ye Jehovah ;
Ye that fear Jehovah, bless ye Jehovah.
21 Blessed be Jehovah from Zion ;
He dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye Jah.

CXXXVI.

- 1 O give thanks unto Jehovah ; for he is good ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
5 To him who by wisdom made the heavens ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
6 To him who stretched out the earth above the waters ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
7 To him who made the great Lights ;
for his kindness endureth for ever ;
8 The sun to rule by day ;
for his kindness endureth for ever ;
9 The moon and stars to rule by night ;
for his kindness endureth for ever.
10 To him that smote the Egyptians in their firstborn ;
for his kindness endureth for ever ;
1 And brought out Israel from among them ;
for his kindness endureth for ever ;

- 7 Remember, O Jehovah, the children of Edom,
Who said in the day of Jerusalem,
'Raze it, raze it, even to its foundations.'
8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed ;
Happy he that repayeth thee as thou hast served us ;
9 Happy shall he be, that taketh
And dasheth thy little ones against the rock.

CXXXVIII.

[A Psalm] of David.

- 1 I will give thanks to thee with my whole heart ;
In presence of the gods will I sing praise to thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And praise thy name for thy kindness and for thy truth ;
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
3 In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me ;
Thou hast made me to boast with strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Jehovah,
When they hear the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of Jehovah,
For great is the glory of Jehovah.
6 Though Jehovah be high, yet he regardeth the lowly ;
But the proud he knoweth afar off.
7 When I walk among troubles, thou revivest me ;
Thou thrustest thy hand against mine enemies' wrath,
And thy right hand saveth me.
8 Jehovah will complete that which concerneth me ;
Thy kindness, O Jehovah, endureth for ever ;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

CXXXIX.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- 1 O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and knowest me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.
3 Thou searchest out my walking and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word on my tongue,
But lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And hast laid thy hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ;
It is high, I cannot attain to it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit ?

Or whither shall I flee from thy presence ?
 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there ; 8
 If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
 If I am borne to the skirts of the day-break, 9
 Or if I dwell in the uttermost parts of the west ;
 Even there will thy hand lead me, 10
 And thy right hand will hold me.
 If I say, ' Surely the darkness will conceal me ;' 11
 Even the night will be light about me.
 Yea, darkness darkeneth not from thee ; 12
 But the night giveth light as the day ;
 Darkness is as the light unto thee.
 For thou hast possessed my reins ; 13
 Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.
 I will praise thee ; for I was fearfully set apart ; 14
 Marvellous are thy works, as my soul well knoweth.
 My body was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, 15
 And curiously wrought in the places below the earth.
 Thine eyes did see my unshapen parts ; 16
 And in thy book all of them were written,
 In the days when they were formed, and as yet were not.
 How precious also to me are the thoughts of thee, O God ! 17
 How great is the sum of them !
 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand ; 18
 When I awake, I am still with thee.
 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God ; 19
 Depart from me, therefore, ye men of bloodshed.
 For they speak against thee in wickedness, 20
 And thine enemies take [thy name] to a falsehood.
 Do not I hate them that hate thee, O Jehovah ? 21
 And do I not loathe those that rise up against thee ?
 I hate them with perfect hatred ; they are mine enemies. 22
 Search me, O God, and know my heart ; 23
 Try me, and know my thoughts ;
 And see if there be any idolatrous way in me, 24
 And lead me in the way everlasting.

CXL.

For the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Deliver me, O Jehovah, from evil men ; 1
 Guard me from the man of violence ;
 They imagine mischiefs in their heart ; 2
 All the day are they stirring up war.

- ³ They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent ;
Adders' poison is under their lips. (A pause.)
- ⁴ Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked ;
Save me from the violent, who think to trip up my steps.
- ⁵ The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords ;
They have spread a net by the wayside ;
They have set traps for me. (A pause.)
- ⁶ I said unto Jehovah, 'Thou art my God ;'
Hear the voice of my supplication, O Jehovah.
- ⁷ O Jehovah my Lord, the strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
- ⁸ Grant not, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked man ;
Further not his devices ; they are exalted. (A pause.)
- ⁹ As for the head of those that encompass me about,
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
- ¹⁰ Let burning coals be thrown upon them in the fire ;
Cast them into deep gulfs, that they rise not up again.
- ¹¹ Let not a slanderer be established on the earth ;
Let evil hunt the man of violence to his overthrow.
- ¹² I know that Jehovah will maintain
The cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.
- ¹³ Surely the righteous will praise thy Name ;
The upright will dwell in thy presence.

CXLI.

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ O Jehovah, I cry unto thee ; make thou haste to me ;
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry to thee.
- ² Let my prayer be set before thee as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.
- ³ Set a watch, O Jehovah, on my mouth ;
Guard thou over the door of my lips.
- ⁴ Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To do evil deeds with men that work iniquity ;
And let me not eat of their dainties.
- ⁵ Should a righteous man smite me ; it will be a kindness ;
And should he reprove me ; it will be oil for the head ;
My head shall not refuse it, if he do it again.
But my prayer shall be in their calamities,
- ⁶ 'Let their judges be thrown down by the sides of the rock,'
And let them hear my words ; for they are sweet.
- ⁷ As when one cutteth and cleaveth into the earth,
Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth.

But mine eyes are unto thee, O Jehovah my Lord ; 8
 In thee is my trust ; leave not my soul defenceless.
 Keep me from the snares that they have laid for me, 9
 And the traps of the workers of iniquity.
 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets, 10
 Whilst I at the same time pass over them.

CXLII.

A Poem of David ; a Prayer when he was in the cave.

I will cry unto Jehovah with my voice ; 1
 With my voice to Jehovah will I make my supplication.
 I will pour out my complaint before him ; 2
 I will shew before him my trouble.

When my spirit fainted within me, thou knewest my path. 3
 In the way wherein I walk they laid a snare for me.
 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, 4
 But there was no man that would know me ;
 Refuge failed me ; no man cared for my soul.
 I cried to thee, O Jehovah ; I said, ' Thou art my refuge, 5
 ' My portion in the land of the living.'
 Attend unto my cry ; for I am brought very low ; 6
 Save me from my pursuers ; for they are stronger than I.
 Bring my soul out of prison, to praise thy name ; 7
 The righteous will surround me when thou rewardest me.

CXLIII.

A Psalm of David.

Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, give ear to my supplication ; 1
 In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.
 And enter not into judgment with thy servant ; 2
 For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
 For the enemy persecuteth my soul ; 3
 He smiteth my life down to the ground ;
 He maketh me dwell in darkness, as those long ago dead ;
 And my spirit fainteth within me ; my heart is desolate. 4
 I remember the days of old ; I muse on all thy deeds ; 5
 I meditate on the work of thy hands.
 I stretch forth my hands unto thee ; 6
 My soul thirsteth for thee, as a thirsty land. (A pause.)
 Answer me speedily, O Jehovah ; my spirit faileth ; 7
 Hide not thy face from me,
 Lest I become like them that go down into the pit.
 Cause me to hear thy kindness in the morning ; 8
 For in thee do I trust.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ;
For I lift my soul unto thee.

⁹ Deliver me, O Jehovah, from mine enemies ;
I would hide myself with thee.

¹⁰ Teach me to do thy will ; for thou art my God ;
Thy spirit is good ; lead me to the land of uprightness.

¹¹ Revive me, O Jehovah, for thy name's sake ;
In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

¹² And in thy kindness cut off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that oppress my soul ;
For I am thy servant.

CXLIV.

[A Psalm] of David.

¹ Blessed be Jehovah my Rock,
Who teachest my hands to war, my fingers to fight ;
² My kindness and my fortress ; my tower, and my deliverer ;
My shield, and he in whom I trust,
Who subdueth peoples under me.

³ Jehovah, what is man [or Adam], that thou knowest him !
The son of man [or of Enosh], that thou thinkest of him !

⁴ Man [or Adam] is like to vanity [or Abel] ;
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.

⁵ Bow thy heavens, O Jehovah, and come down ;
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

⁶ Flash forth lightning, and scatter them ;
Shoot out thine arrows, and rout them.

⁷ Send thy hand from above,
Save me, and deliver me out of great waters,
From the hand of the sons of foreigners ;

⁸ Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood. }

⁹ I will sing a new song unto thee, O God ;
On a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praise to thee ;

¹⁰ To him who giveth victory unto kings ;
Who saved David his servant from the hurtful sword.

¹¹ Save me, and deliver me from the hand of the foreigners, }
Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood ; }

¹² That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth ;
Our daughters as columns, cut on the model of a palace ;

¹³ Our garners full, yielding store after store ;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands

And ten thousands in our fields ;
 That our oxen may be strong to labour, 14
 Without resisting and without running away ;
 That there be no clamour in our streets.
 Happy is the people, that is in such a state ; 15
 Happy is the people, whose God is Jehovah.

CXLV.

David's [Psalm] of praise.

8 I will extol thee, my God, O king ; 1
 And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
 2 Every day will I bless thee ; 2
 And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
 3 Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised ; 3
 And his greatness is unsearchable.
 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, 4
 And shall declare thy mighty acts.
 5 On the glorious honour of thy majesty, 5
 And on thy wondrous works, will I speak ;
 6 That men may talk of the might of thy terrible acts ; 6
 And I will declare thy greatness.
 7 They shall set forth a full record of thy goodness, 7
 And shall sing of thy righteousness.
 8 Jehovah is gracious, and full of compassion ; 8
 Slow to anger and of great kindness.
 9 Jehovah is good to all ; 9
 And his tender mercies are over all his works.
 10 All thy works praise thee, O Jehovah ; 10
 And thy godly ones bless thee.
 11 They speak of the glory of thy kingdom, 11
 And talk of thy power ;
 12 To shew to the sons of Adam His mighty acts, 12
 And the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
 13 Thy kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, 13
 And thy dominion throughout all generations.
 14 Jehovah upholdeth all that fall, 14
 And raiseth up all that are bowed down.
 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee ; 15
 And thou givest them their food in due season.
 16 Thou openest thy hand, 16
 And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
 17 Jehovah is righteous in all his ways, 17
 And bountiful in all his works.

- 18 **Y** Jehovah is nigh to all them that call on him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
- 19 **Y** He fulfilleth the desire of them that fear him ;
He also heareth their cry for help, and saveth them.
- 20 **Y** Jehovah preserveth all them that love him ;
But all the wicked will he destroy.
- 21 **Y** My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah ;
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

CXLVI.

- 1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
Praise Jehovah, O my soul.
- 2 While I live will I praise Jehovah ;
I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes,
In a son of Adam, in whom there is no help.
- 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth ;
In that very day his purposes perish.
- 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in Jehovah his God ;
- 6 Who made the heavens and the earth,
The sea, and all that therein is ;
Who keepeth truth for ever ;
- 7 Who executeth judgment for the oppressed ;
Who giveth food to the hungry.
Jehovah looseth the prisoners ;
- 8 Jehovah openeth the eyes of the blind ;
Jehovah upholdeth them that are bowed down ;
Jehovah loveth the righteous ;
- 9 Jehovah preserveth the strangers ;
He lifteth up the fatherless and widow ;
But the way of the wicked he turneth aside.
- 10 Jehovah will reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, to generations and generations.
Praise ye Jah.

CXLVII.

- 1 Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah] ;
For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
For it is pleasant ; and praise is comely.
- 2 Jehovah buildeth up Jerusalem ;
He gathereth together the dispersed of Israel.
- 3 He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.

He counteth the number of the stars ; 4
 He calleth them all by their names.
 Great is our Lord, and of great power ; 5
 To his understanding there are no bounds.
 Jehovah lifteth up the afflicted ; 6
 He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
 Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving ; 7
 Sing praise upon the harp unto our God ;
 Who covereth the heavens with clouds, 8
 Who prepareth rain for the earth,
 Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. 9
 He giveth to the cattle their food,
 And to the young of the ravens when they cry. 10
 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse ;
 He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. 11
 Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
 In those that hope in his kindness.
 Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem ; praise thy God, O Zion. 12
 For he strengtheneth the bars of thy gates ; 13
 He blesseth thy children within thee.
 He maketh peace within thy boundaries, 14
 And fillest thee with the finest of the wheat.
 He sendeth forth his command on the earth ; 15
 His word runneth very swiftly. 16
 He giveth snow like wool ;
 He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
 He casteth forth his ice like morsels ; 17
 Who can stand before his cold ?
 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them ; 18
 He maketh his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, 19
 His statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
 He hath not dealt so with any nation ; 20
 And as for his judgments, they have not known them.
 Praise ye Jah.

CXLVIII.

Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. 1
 Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens ;
 Praise ye him in the places above.
 Praise ye him, all his angels ; praise him, all his hosts. 2
 Praise ye him, sun and moon ; praise him, all stars of light. 3

- ⁴ Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,
And ye waters that are above the heavens.
⁵ Let them praise the name of Jehovah ;
For he commanded, and they were created.
⁶ He hath also established them for ever and ever ;
He hath made a decree which shall not pass away.
⁷ Praise Jehovah from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps ;
⁸ Fire, and hail ; snow, and vapours ;
Stormy wind fulfilling his word ;
⁹ Mountains, and all hills ; fruit trees, and all cedars ;
¹⁰ Beasts, and all cattle ; creeping things, and winged birds ;
¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples ;
Princes, and all judges of the earth ;
¹² Both young men and maidens ; old men, and children ;
¹³ Let them praise the name of Jehovah ;
For his name alone is exalted ;
His glory is above the earth and the heavens.
¹⁴ He also raiseth up the horn of his people,
The praise of all his godly ones,
Of the children of Israel, a people near to him.
Praise ye Jah.

CXLIX.

- ¹ Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah].
Sing unto Jehovah a new song,
And his praise in the assembly of the godly.
² Let Israel rejoice in him that made him ;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
³ Let them praise his name in the dance ;
Let them sing praise to him with the timbrel and harp.
⁴ For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people ;
He beautifieth the afflicted with salvation.
⁵ Let the godly be joyful in his glory ;
Let them sing aloud upon their couches.
⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throat,
And a two-edged sword in their hand ;
⁷ To execute vengeance upon the Nations,
And punishments upon the peoples ;
⁸ To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron ;
⁹ To execute on them the judgment that is written ;
This honour have all his godly ones. Praise ye Jah..

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| Praise ye Jah [or Hallelu-Jah]. | 1 |
| Praise God in his Holy Place ; | |
| Praise him in the firmament of his power. | |
| Praise him for his mighty acts ; | 2 |
| Praise him according to his excellent greatness. | |
| Praise him with the sound of the trumpet ; | 3 |
| Praise him with the psaltery and harp. | |
| Praise him with the timbrel and dance ; | 4 |
| Praise him with stringed lutes and pipes. | |
| Praise him upon the softer cymbals ; | 5 |
| Praise him upon the louder cymbals. | |
| Let everything that hath breath praise Jah. | 6 |
| Praise ye Jah. | |

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